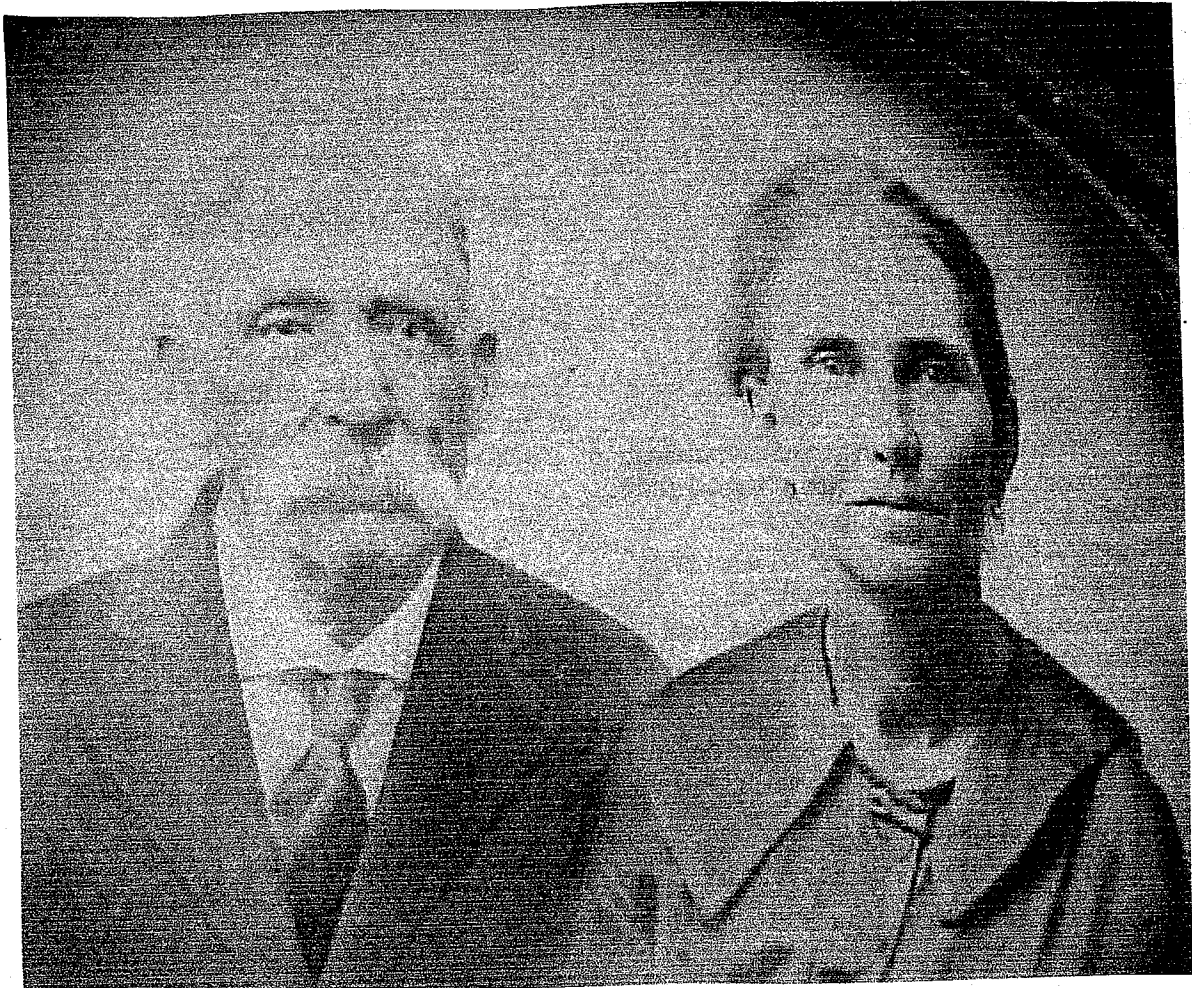


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**THE BLAND FAMILY OF BEAUFORT, BERTIE, BRUNSWICK, CRAVEN,
EDGECOMBE, MARTIN AND PITT COUNTIES NORTH CAROLINA**

In 1999 I made an attempt at a synthesis of the multiple families of Blands in the general area of North Eastern North Carolina, comprising present day Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt Counties with the theory in mind that they are all one family, as the title of this piece suggests.¹ These counties share geographic proximity and in many cases were formed from one another. Previously, researchers have fragmented these families and treated them in isolation. Although the connections are tenuous and weak, sometimes confused and hypothetical in nature, I continue to believe in the unity of the Blands in these counties, with a four generation span from 1700-1800 that lays the foundation for historians to work out future connections.

In the interim, development has been slow. Thus we are fortunate to have a new correspondent Rhonda Breed who is a descendant of our champion godfather, Reuben Columbus Bland. What follows is not an attempt to cover the entire family but to enhance what we know about Reuben, his parents and his enormous progeny. Though this addresses just one little pocket of a larger family Cousin Rhonda's contributions are quite welcome and have been helpful in enabling us to better understand this family group. .

1. **JOHN "JACK" BLAND** (C1815/1820 -) John is the father of Reuben Columbus Bland and the earliest known founder of this branch of this family. We have this far not been able to connect him further back. John was born near the Cross Roads Church in Martin County North Carolina. He married Penny Haislip (C1817/1824-) who was born near Hamilton in Martin County. Their children were:²

A.. **WILLIAM A. BLAND** (1842-) William did service in the Civil War.

B. **JAMES "JIM" BLAND** (1844-) James did service in the Civil War. He was married though we do not know his wife's name. James had two sons, possibly more. At least one the sons was:

(1). **Robert "Bob" Bland** Robert married his first cousin Allena Bland, eleventh child of Reuben Columbus Bland and Julia Coburn. Grandpa would have been proud of Bob and Allena's family:

¹ AC 15-17, (pp. 88-114)

² AC 18, pp. 28-31, I am grateful to Rhonda Breen for reviewing this family line and providing much welcomed expansion and corrections in a series of E-mails she sent from June 22 to July 6, 1005. Bruce H. Bland Jr., Posting to Genforum, January 2, 2000. E-Mail, Bonnie King to Charles L. Bland, February 13, 2001.

- (a) Harvey Bland
- (b) William Bland
- (c) Henry Bland
- (d) Robert Lee Bland
- (e) Charlie Mack B
- (f) Betty Rae Bland
- (g) Mollie Bland
- (h) Lillian Bland
- (i) Fannie Bland
- (j) Carabelle Bland
- (k) Lena Mae Bland

C. ABNER BLAND (1846-) Abner did service in the Civil War and vanished during that time. Some think he stayed in the area of New Bern/Vanceboro in Craven County and even raised a family but nobody has seen hide nor hair of him in all these years and there is a strong possibility he has already died.

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

E. DACIE CAROLINA BLAND (1850-)

F. LIZA PENINA BLAND (1853-)

G. REUBEN COLUMBUS BLAND (June 7, 1855 – March 1941) (See Cover Page, Reuben Bland and his second wife are celebrated as Quintessential Blands) Reuben must have lived his whole life in Martin County North Carolina. He is buried in an unmarked grave at the Roebuck Cemetery in Martin County. The Family Reunions must have been fabulous. If one thinks of statistics and not of the poor women who went through the child bearing ordeal of being married to him, Reuben Bland is the all time champion of contributors to Bland progeny.³ Between ages 19-66 Reuben's two wives gave us thirty four That's right 34, children.⁴ Reuben was featured in an article in The Literary Digest⁵ following a write-up about him in The Norfolk Virginia Pilot about 1920. The article paraphrased one couple, after reading the article about Reuben and his children, had this conversation:

Man: There's a man who ought to have a medal.

Woman: Medal my foot, least I wouldn't pin it on his chest.

³ Beverly Guthrie, Genealogical Forum (March 21, 1998). There is a joke about how difficult it was to close Senator Strom Thurmond's Casket that might be apropos here.

⁴ Ac 9-2, p. 6 and Lynn Clinnard, Genealogy Forum, September 12, 1998.

⁵ The Literary Digest, (February 12, 1921), p. 44.

Another man wrote that when his wife, herself a mother of eight children, found one of them praying for 34 little brothers to play with, "my wife had a narrow escape from apoplexy when she heard them. She's a great believer in prayer and she cried almost half the night. My wife won't hardly speak to me, though goodness knows what I've done.

Reuben married (1st) Julia Coburn (perhaps Corbin) about 1873 and with her had:

- (1) Willie "Buddy Will". Bland (October 27, 1874 -) Willie married and had children, but no names are available.
- (2) Sasha E. Bland (February 11, 1876 -)
- (3) Vasailes Bland (October 14, 1877 -)
- (4) John Bland (November 3, 1880 - July 24, 1940). John married Mattie Spruill. John and Mattie's children include:
 - (a) Jasper Thomas Bland ⁶
 - (b) Roy Hubert Bland
 - (c) Linwood Bland
 - (d) Danford Bland
 - (e) John D. Bland
 - (f) Carrie Bland married _____ Whitehurst.
 - (g) Ellsie Bland
 - (h) Ernestine Bland married _____ Sorrie.
 - (i) Faye Bland married _____ Bullock.
 - (j) Florence Bland married _____ Eatman.
 - (k) There may have been as many as 17 children according to one family source.
- (5) Baby Boy born Dead (June 5, 1881 -)
- (6) Simon Jackson Bland (April 12, 1882 -) A twin of George Washington Bland (7 Below) married Pearlie _____ and had children. One daughter was

⁶ Jasper was the father of Bruce H. Bland, Genealogical Forum June 29, 1998. A posting to Genforum by Allen Churchill August 9, 2000, showed that Jasper Thomas had a daughter Nellie Grace Bland (1914-1984) who married George David Roberson (1913-1984)

- (a) Alice Ruth.
 - (b) Others unknown
- (7) George Washington Bland (April 12, 1882 -) ⁷ a twin of Simon Jackson Bland (6 above) Names of his wife and children are unknown except for one son:
- (a) Garland Bland (C1914-2004)
- (8) Twin boy born dead (June 3, 1884)
- (9) Twin boy born dead (June 3, 1884)
- (10) Crissie/Cristine Bland (March 3, 1885 -) married (1st) Warren Hobbs and had the following family:
- (a) Mae Hobbs Stalls.
 - (b) Betty Stalls married (1st) her first cousin, Nathan Briley. Crissie married (2nd) Robert Scott who had children from a prior marriage, including Nathan Scott. Other children of Crissie Bland and Robert Scott were:
 - (c) Carry Lee Scott.
 - (d) Roland Earl Scott
 - (e) Charlie Mack Scott
- Crissie subsequently married (3rd) Ed Lawrence. There no children. Crissie married (4th) Robert White, but there were no children.
- (11) Allena Bland (October 4, 1886 -) married her first cousin Bob Their children are enumerated above (1B).
- (12) Fannie Bland (August 11, 1887 -) Fannie may have died young.
- (13) Bessie M. Bland (November 3, 1888 -) married _____ Knox and had three children by him:
- (a) Earnest Knox
 - (b) David Knox
 - (c) Eunice Knox

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

- (14) Betty M. Bland (April 8, 1891 -) married _____ Briley and had children.
- (15) Baby Boy born dead, no date.

Julia Coburn died giving birth to this baby. Reuben's second wife was Laura Frances Boyette, (1875-1935) daughter of Richard and Annie Boyette, about 1895. Laura was placed in Oxford Orphanage, the first permanent orphanage in North Carolina, located in Granville County on the North Carolina frontier with Virginia⁸ at some point Laura is buried at the Rawls Cemetery in Arapahoe, a small community in Pamlico County North Carolina (Pamlico County was created from Craven and Beaufort County in 1872).⁹ Children of Reuben Columbus Bland by Laura Boyette were:

- (16) Reuben Columbus "Shorty" Bland Jr. (April 30, 1896-) married Emma Wynne, the sister of Betsy Wynne, brother James Penel Bland's (#22 below) first wife. They were parents of:
- (a) Reuben Fernanda "Shorty" Bland
 - (b) Lester Bland
 - (c) Patty Frances Bland
 - (d) Kenneth Bland
 - (e) Katherine Bland
 - (f) Cleve Bland
 - (g) Son, name unknown
- (17) Annie L. Bland (June 20, 1897 -) May have died young since Ida Belle Bland (#23 below) was thought by some descendants to be the only girl by Reuben and Laura.
- (18) Joseph "Jody" A. Bland (September 22, 1898 -)¹⁰ married (1st) Rodie (Rhoda?) Stalls. They were parents of:
- (a) Ollie Bland
 - (b) Rosa Lee Bland (died at age six)
 - (c) Shirley Bland (a boy, Johnny Cash might have written a song about "a boy named Shirley")
 - (d) Jasper Bland

⁸ The Oxford Orphanage Asylum opened in 1873 and later became the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. When she was placed in the orphanage, Laura's parents were still living but had so many children she could not care for them all.

⁹ Chris Gates, Genealogical Forum (June 27, 1999). 1850 Census of Craven County North Carolina. E-Mail, Chris Gates to Charles L. Bland, July 19, 1999.

¹⁰ Joseph was the grandfather of Lynn Clinnard, Genealogical Forum September 12, 1998.

Joseph Bland's second wife was Annie Green, sister of Emma Green who married Joseph's brother Wiley Bland (#19 below). Their children were:

- (e) Laura Frances Bland
- (f) Mary Elizabeth Bland who married Randall.
- (g) Doris Marie Bland.
- (h) David Bland married Annie ____ who later married Woodrow Wilson Bland.
- (i) Billy Bland
- (j) Annie Mae Bland
- (k) Linda Bland
- (l) Cecil Bland
- (m) Joyce Bland
- (n) JR Bland (lived for four hours)
- (o) Leslie Bland
- (p) Boy who was born dead

- (19) Wiley H. Bland (July 5, 1901-)¹¹ married Emma Green, sister of Annie Green, who married Joseph Bland (#18 above). Their children were:

- (a) Leroy Bland
- (b) Joseph Bland
- (c) David Bland

- (20) Baby Boy, born dead, (June 3, 1902-)

- (21) Daniel R. Bland (June 11, 1903 -) married Pearlle _____ and with her had at least one child, probably more:

- (a) James Bland

- (22) James Penel Bland (March 31, 1905 -) married (1st) Betsy Wynne, sister of Emma Wynne who married James' brother Reuben Columbus Bland Jr. (#16 above). Their children were:

- (a) James Henry Bland.
- (b) Raliegh Bland
- (c) Mavis Bland
- (d) Johnny Bland
- (e) Jimmy Bland.

¹¹ William E. Bland, Genealogy Forum, June 6, 1999, indicates that he is a grandson of Wiley Bland.

James married (2nd) Mary _____ but they had no children.

- (23) Ida Belle Bland (July 5, 1906 -) Ida married Eddie Bunting about 1921. They were the parents of:

- (a) Edward Earl Bunting, (1922-1928) Edward was hit by a car and killed at age 6.
- (b) Verna Bunting (August 3, 1923 - deceased)
- (c) Albert Lonza Bunting (April 17, 1925 -) Albert has acted as an adviser to my correspondent Rhonda Breed.
- (d) Frances Ernestine Bunting (1927 - died in infancy)
- (e) David Bunting (May 17, 1930 -)
- (f) Annie Belle Bunting (October 7, 1931 -)
- (g) Mack Bunting (1932 -)

- (24) Sam Henry Bland (November 7, 1907-)

- (25) Coy Lavonia/Lavonid Bland (May 17, 1909 - February 15, 1989), though Coy was illiterate, "he was quicker at figuring math in his head than most were on paper." Coy married Maggie Lee Jenkins (August 26, 1909 - March 18, 1984) in August 1934. Coy and Maggie were parents of three children:¹²

- (a) Verna Rose Bland, (September 10, 1935 -) who married William "Billy" Quidley. They had one daughter.
- (b) Coy Lavonia Bland Jr. (May 28, 1938 -) who married Barbara Hyler. They had four children.
- (c) Glenda Faye Bland Bland (October 27, 1942 -) who married (1st) Russell Breed and (2nd) Elmer "Buddy Starling" and (3rd) Gerald Whealton¹³

- (26) Albert Small Bland (February 18, 1910 - November 5, 1992) married Thelma Kennedy (March 12, 1921 -) and had children.

- (a) Frances Corine Bland (November 15, 1942 -)
- (b) Barbara Jean Bland (February 18, 1946 - Deceased)
- (c) Rocky Bland (October 30, 1950 -)
- (d) Darlene Bland (April 3, 1962 - January 1963)
- (e) Rose Bland (September 12, 1963 -)

- (27) Baby Girl Born Dead, (July 15, 1911-)

¹² Posting to Genforum by Regina Bland Stowe, August 25, 2000.

¹³ Glenda Faye Bland and Russell Breed were the parents of my correspondent Rhonda Breed. Glenda also adopted her Niece Lavonia Jean Bland, a daughter of Coy Lavonia Bland Jr. and Barbara Hyler.

- (28) Jesse Corbit Bland (July 11, 1912 – C2002) married Lillian _____. Jesse adopted Lillian's son Bobby and together they had:
- (a) Jesse Bland Jr.
- (29) Baby Boy Born Dead, (June 16, 1914 -)
- (30) Woodrow Wilson Bland (January 19, 1916 - C1997) married (1st) Pauline Goddard and had no children with her. Woodrow married (2nd) Annie _____. They raised Annie's three sons, Daniel Bland, Michael Bland and Sammy Bland from her first marriage to David Bland
- (31) Baby Girl Born Dead (March 17, 1917 -)
- (32) Baby Boy Born Dead, (April 18, 1918 -)
- (33) Twin Born Dead, June 20, 1920
- (34) Twin Born Dead, June 20, 1920

A photograph of Reuben Columbus Bland and Laura Frances Boyette, Quintessential Blands, appears on the cover of this newsletter.

AUNT BETSY: QUINTESSENTIAL BLAND WOMAN

Elizabeth Bland (February 20, 1802 – January 20, 1882) was murdered by her Nephew Will Austin, who was the grandson of Elizabeth's sister Prudence Bland (1797 -) and her husband Robert Austin. Elizabeth and Prudence were children of Charles Bland (1765-1842) and his first wife Phyllis Pope (1773-1818). Charles came out of Fauquier County Virginia around 1790 and followed Phyllis' family to Lincoln County Kentucky. He and Phyllis were married January 17, 1791. When he married Phyllis, Charles built a brick house which still stands near Lancaster Kentucky.

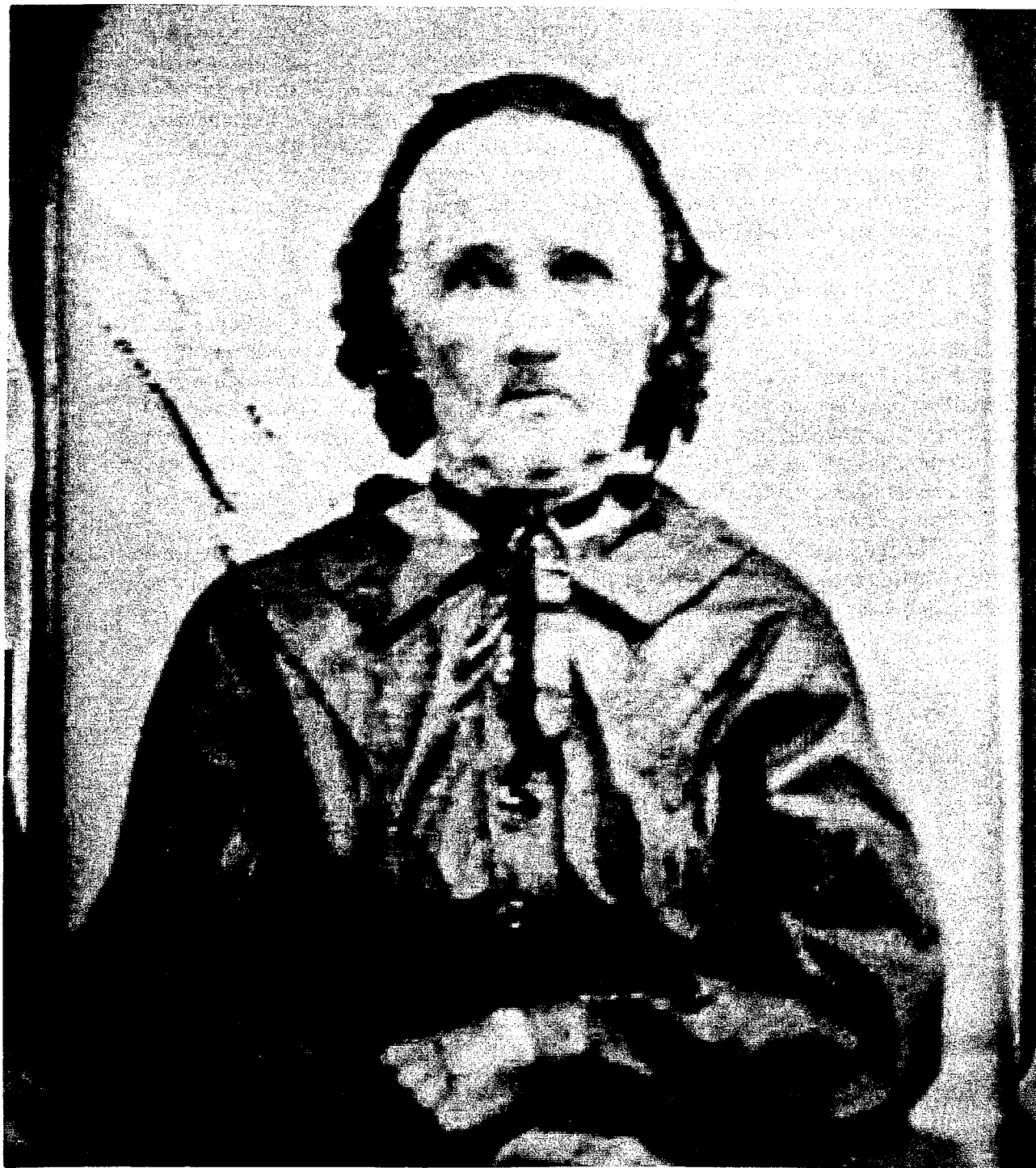
By 1882, Will Austin's father had run him off from home. Will, a notorious no-good, could find no home until Aunt Betsy took him in to live in her house with her brother Charles Josiah Bland (1812-1894). At this time, Will was 25, a handsome young man whom, it was said (he said!) was put on earth for the benefit of women. He was 5'11", about 150 pounds, with fair blue eyes and pale brown hair, clean shaven except for a twitchy mustache that quivered uncontrollably when Will was afraid or near a beautiful woman. Will was also known as one of the hardest drinkers in the county. On January 20, 1802, Josiah was in town, Aunt Betsy was keeping warm by the fire and Will came home drunk. Will puts it thus:

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

While preparing this newsletter, I received a correspondence from a new cousin who just began her research and is descended from one of Will Austin's siblings. She told me that the highlight of Will's life was a public ceremony in which he made a brief speech to an assembled crowd that had come from miles around, but his speech was disrupted when the platform on which he was standing, collapsed.¹⁴ I didn't have the heart to tell her that the ceremony was Will's hanging. Will languished in the county jail for ten months until he was tried and hanged on October 13, 1882. On the gallows, Will cussed about love and as the hangman slipped the noose about his neck he complained "Stop that God damnit, you're choking me."

Though I don't have a picture of Will, courtesy of Cousin Patricia Marsh, we do have a photograph of Aunt Betsy, which I am pleased to display below. Aunt Betsy is our second quintessential Bland woman.

¹⁴ Eula Mae Varner Snopes to Charles L. Bland, e-mail, June 14, 2005.



ELIZABETH BLAND (1802-1882) "AUNT BETSY"
Courtesy of Pat Marsh

**THE UNDESERVED MISFORTUNES OF MARY LEE BLAND:
QUINTESSENTIAL BLAND WOMAN**

Mary Lee Bland Ewell Jones (1817-1898) occupies a small place in the universe of the descendants of John Bland and Margaret Osborne. She was the daughter of John Bland (C1770- November 2, 1842) and his wife Sarah E. Lee, (C1777 - 1842) daughter of Purmit and Hanna Lee. John was, in my construction, the eldest son of Osborne Bland Sr. and his wife Letitia. John and Sarah were married about 1799. John and Sarah had the following children: ¹⁵

1. ABRAHAM BLAND (C1800 -) Born in Virginia and died in Livingston County Missouri, Abraham married Hannah Randle (C1813 -) on January 31, 1833 in Ray County Missouri. They had a family of eleven children. ¹⁶

2. PURMIT BLAND (C1804 - November 4, 1861) Born in Tennessee. Purmit married Elizabeth Randle (C1813 -) in Ray County Missouri on July 2, 1831. They had a family of 13 children. ¹⁷

3. JAMES LEE BLAND (1809-1811) Born in Tennessee.

4. HANNAH BLAND (1811 -) Born in Tennessee.

5. ELIZABETH BLAND (1813 -) Born in Tennessee evidently, Elizabeth did not marry. ¹⁸

¹⁵ This essay has benefited greatly by criticism from VaLene Collings of West Valley Utah, a descendant of Mary Lee Bland Ewell Jones, her guidance about the picture of Mary Lee and information at her website, [http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ewell/the Ewell Family Historical and Genealogical Society](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ewell/the_Ewell_Family_Historical_and_Genealogical_Society). I'm especially grateful for the two critiques she wrote to me in E-mails, July 4 and 6, 2005. See AC 13, pp. 43-44 and AC 15-17, pp. 51-53. Earlier notices include AC 2-2, pp. 25-26; AC 3-1, pp. 8-9; AC 3-2, pp. 9-15; AC 4-1, pp. 20-21; AC 4-2, p. 30. In the 1810 Census for Cumberland County, page 5, there is a John Bland, 26-45, (John would have been 40) with a wife 26-45, (Sarah would have been 33) two sons under 10 (Abraham and Purmit). By 1820, John Bland was living in Cumberland County Kentucky near Purmit Lee, who was the father of John's wife. Ruby Blann suggested that this family might have come from the Pendleton County Virginia group, indicating that there was a Permout Lee in the Shenandoah County area as late as 1785. AC 4-1, p. 21. There is nothing that I know of to confirm this. John Bland probably married Sarah in Monroe/Greenbrier County Virginia, because Permout Lee was living there in 1799 in close proximity to John and Robert Bland. Some reservations about identification of John Bland (1770-1842) as a son of Osborne and Letitia Bland appear in AC 6-2, p. 13, and always merit bearing in mind. This assertion of mine is not meant to close the case, for there are other possibilities.

¹⁶ Abraham is enumerated in the 1850 Census for Livingston County Missouri, page 90, dwelling 631. Hannah's maiden name appears to be Randle, transposed variously as Randles and Runnels. AC 3-2, pp. 10-11.

¹⁷ Purmit's family is identified in AC 3-2, pp. 11-13. Cf. AC 6-2, p. 13; 7-1, pp. 25-26.

¹⁸ AC 3-2, p. 14.

6. ZACHARIAH BLAND (C1814 -) Born in Tennessee. Zachariah married first Nancy _____ and second Kesiah Ogles (C1821 -) born in Tennessee, on October 22, 1837 in Livingston County Missouri. They had seven children.¹⁹

7. RACHEL BLAND (C1815 -) Born in Tennessee.

8. MARY LEE BLAND (November 1, 1817- May 24, 1898). Mary was born in Cumberland County Kentucky.²⁰ On November 30, 1834, in Carroll County Missouri, she married William Fletcher Ewell, (January 20, 1815 – December 18, 1848), who was born in Palmyra, Fluvanna County Virginia. After William's death, Mary and her children completed the trek and she lived variously in Salt Lake City, Ogden and Santiquin Utah. Their children included:²¹

- (a) Francis Marion Ewell, (November 3, 1835 – January 1, 1905) who was a carpenter by trade, was born in Livingston, Ray County Missouri and is buried at Provo City Utah. He served in the Black Hawk War. Francis married Frances "Fanny" Mary Weech (October 9, 1838 – April 19, 1916) on July 27, 1858 at Salt Lake City Utah.
- (b) John Pleasant Ewell, (August 2, 1837 – after 1900) a brick maker, was born in Livingston, Ray County Missouri and died in Everett Washington. who married Lucinda Ann Henderson (April 5, 1842 -) on October 6, 1862 in Salt Lake City Utah. They moved to California and were divorced July 3, 1888.²²
- (c) Sarah Elizabeth Ewell, (April 18, 1841 – July 4, 1893) was born in Livingston, Ray County Missouri and died in Kane County Utah. She married Joseph Abram Stewart on November 9, 1861.
- (d) Barbara Ann Ewell, (October 23, 1843 – December 4, 1914) was born in Livingston, Ray County Missouri and died in Lynden, Washington. Barbara married Joseph Webster Davis (September 13, 1840 -) on February 1, 1861.

¹⁹ AC 2-2, pp. 25-26. In 1855, Zachariah consummated a land deal in Virginia with a man from Cumberland County Kentucky. AC 3-2, p. 9. Zachariah's family is listed in AC 3-2, pp. 13-14. Earlier suggestions that Keziah might have been an O'Gill or Gill are in error, Ruby Blann to Charles L. Bland October 13, 1985.

²⁰ AC 3-1, p. 9. Additional information was found at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Library in Salt Lake City, July 2004 and contributed by VaLene Collings, West Valley City Utah.

²¹ William Fletcher Ewell was born in Palmyra, Fluvanna County according to Mexican War Pension Records filed by Mary Lee Bland. Fluvanna County was formed in 1777 from Albemarle County. Reference to the children of William Fletcher Ewell and Mary lee Bland are found in Roots and Branches, 1.2, Summer 1988, pp. 6-18, and Fall 1989 pp. 14-16. filed at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Library.

²² The 1862 date may represent a remarriage because by 1862, John and Lucinda had two children.

- (e) William Thomas Ewell, (October 5, 1846 - February 12, 1916) was born in Council Bluffs Iowa, Pottawattamie County. He died in Santaquin Utah who married Martha Platt Wall (July 24, 1852 - November 6, 1931) on June 23, 1873.
- (f) Mary Jane Ewell, (February 5, 1849 - March 3, 1909) was born in Council Bluffs Iowa and died in Santaquin Utah. Mary married William Henry Boyle Sr. (February 19, 1851 - January 22, 1913) on November 24, 1869. .

Mary Lee Bland Ewell Jones is best known for her colorful life story that she told to a grand daughter, a *Gone With the Wind* tale that is complete with a faithful Hattie McDaniel/Louise Beavers like servant woman Mammy Chloe,²³ who stuck with Mary through thick and thin. Mary Lee Bland wrote that after she refused the hand (or, as she implies, hands)²⁴ of her father's preferred suitor, she saddled up her horse one day, not very well evidently for the cinch came loose and the horse went one way, the saddle and Mary Lee another. It was one of those fairy tale moments: Mary Lee opened her eyes and there stood William Fletcher Ewell, the man who would be her destiny. Though her father John Bland at first welcomed Mr. Ewell into the bosom of his family and even endorsed the strange new religion Ewell was espousing, he quickly discovered that the other good Christians in Ray County Missouri in 1834 didn't feel the same way. Ashen with embarrassment and shame, John at first tried to make Ewell see the error of his ways, give up the teachings of Joseph Smith and the Mormons and embrace Missouri style Christianity. When Ewell refused, Mary Lee's father brought down the wrath of a spurned father on him and drove him out like a proper Victorian father chasing a dustman from his daughter's bedroom.. Nothing to do but flee, and that's what Mary Lee did, aided by her sympathetic mother, brother Zachariah and of course, Mammy Chloe. Next day, November 30, 1834, with mammy Chloe as their witness, William Fletcher Ewell and Mary Lee Bland got married in Carroll County Missouri.²⁵ The succession of births in the new family also provide a chronological gauge for the hostility that went on for years after. By the time daughter Sarah was born in 1841, William Fletcher Ewell had matriculated through medical school, but Dr. or no, old John held firm. Finally relenting so his wife could see the grand children before she died, old John found that he liked them also. The old man's heart melted

²³ Apart from Mary Lee Bland Ewell Jones narrative, evidence about Mammy Chloe does not exist. Valene Collings wrote a special tribute to her in the 1987 issue of *Roots and Branches*. Valene writes "it is apparent that Mary's love for Mammy Chloe was far beyond her just being a servant. It is also apparent that Mammy's love for the Mormon Church was as strong as Mary's." In October 1987, in response to a petition by Valene Collings and other interested parties, Mammy Chloe and her son Sammy were submitted for "Temple work", effectively a petition for the church's to bless those who in their lifetime did not receive the ordinances of the church. The petition was approved in October 1987.

²⁴ The photograph of Mary that is displayed on these pages revealed a strikingly beautiful woman, so it is difficult to judge her hapless suitor Dale too harshly for his "ungentlemanly conduct."

²⁵ Undoubtedly, this union was made on the fly because it was three months later, on February 27, 1835, when the presiding Justice of the Peace finally owned up to doing it. Mary Lee's narrative does a wonderful job of bringing old John Bland to life. It's notable that by that time, Zachariah and Mary Lee were the only two children living at home with the old tyrant, leading us to conclude that John's word was law but everyone else was against it.

just a bit and he offered a parcel of land to his son in law, if only he would give up that infernal religion. Ewell refused of course for old John was not what you would call an ideal missionary. Twice spurned old John thundered and raged that they should get out of his house and Mary Lee was, as she puts it, disinherited, obliterated, her name struck from the family bible and her portrait tossed into the attic.²⁶

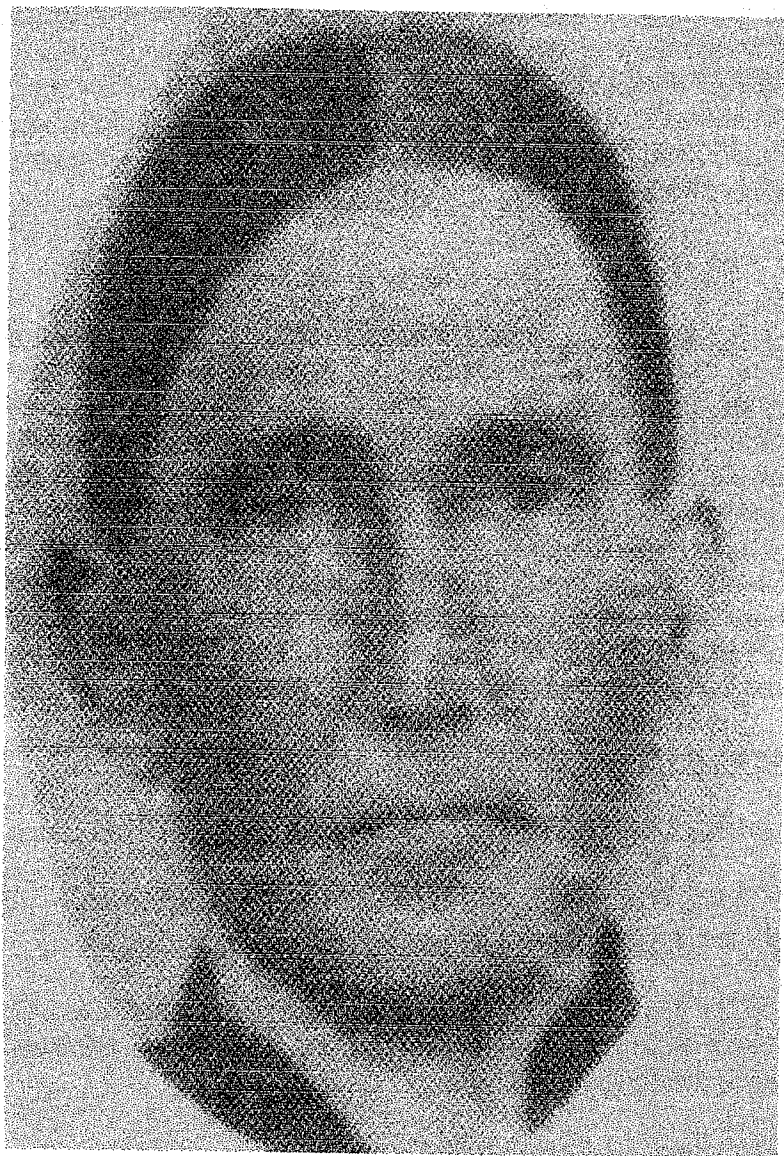
In 1846 and continuing into 1847, William went off to fight in the Mexican American War with the Mormon Battalion. After the longest infantry march in U.S. History, William Fletcher Ewell returned to Council Bluffs Iowa where he died in the arms of his wife, Mary Lee Bland. At this point the narrative becomes sparse. What remains to us is that Mary promised Ewell she would see the family through to Utah and as Mary put it, Ewell, "left his family in poor circumstances on the plain." Various recollections by grandchildren seem to confirm these difficult circumstances. Mary and the children made the famous trek to Utah with the Uriah Curtis Company and became Mormon pioneers, arriving in Salt Lake Valley December 31, 1852. William Fletcher Ewell and Mary Lee Bland had six children.²⁷

After the death of William Ewell, Mary Lee married (2nd) Peter Jones which precipitated her move to Ogden Utah. She had two children with Peter: Zackariah Jones and Emma Keziah Jones.

I am pleased to display this excellent photograph of Mary Lee Bland Ewell Jones, who becomes our third Quintessential Bland Woman for this issue.

²⁶ Mary Lee's story says that her mother died soon after this event, thus validating the presumed date of death for Mary Lee Bland as 1842.

²⁷ AC 3-2, pp. 14-15. AC 7-1, pp. 26-27. "William Fletcher Ewell and Mary Lee Bland: The History of Mary Lee Bland as told to a Granddaughter."



Mary Lee Bland Ewell Jones (1817-1898)
Quintessential Bland Woman
Courtesy of VaLene Ewell Collings and
The Ewell Family Historical & Genealogical Society

UPDATE OF THE KEY TO BLAND FAMILY LINES

Subscribers have told me it is useful to have access to the following key in each volume. Please note how this key relates to the identification by family group that appears at the far left side of each name in the list of correspondents, below pp.204ff. Please note the name and address list for your name and if you think you are designated to the wrong group, let me know. When I hear from new correspondents, if your name and address is not included or no key is assigned, also let me know.

This edition contains two changes:

1. For Family 2, the Northern Virginia Family: I have provided some additional detail that would make searching the Newsletters easier. Case in point: rather than refer the reader to the vast family of John Bland (C1725-1795) as a reference, I have noted the volumes in which his family was summarized in a comprehensive essay, which volume would also contain references to earlier source citations. I have also divided his line by his children: example, Osborne Bland who becomes 25A6E(1).
2. Attention to Bland Families Noted but Without Extensive Developmental Lines (lines 11-41 below) in this volume has resulted in more lines added but also some collapsed, for example, the line of Morris Brewer Bland, #26 in AC 19/20 has been collapsed into the line of Arthur Bland (#12), who has been shown now to be Morris' father.

1. THE JAMES RIVER BLANDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sources: This family is discussed in Vision of Unity (VU), pp. 1-75. The Virginia experience of this family is found in VU, pp. 76-239.

Information about this family in the Seventeenth Century was enlarged in Among Cousins (AC), Volume 8-2, pp. 5-40; The Eighteenth Century line was updated by AC: 3-1, p. 6; 3-2, pp. 7-8; 5-1, pp. 7-25; 7-1, pp. 7-11; 8-1, pp. 6-8; and 8-2, p. 41; 11-1, pp. 7-8, 33; 18, pp. 52 and 56.

2. THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA BLANDS

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

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

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

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

Sources: Re the Blands of Penrith, St. Andrews Parish, Cumberland County England, see VU, pp. 249-254 and AC: 3-1, pp. 8-9; 6-1, pp. 5-8; 10-1, pp. 8-11, 14, pp. 10-18, AC 19-20 pp. 16-19. On some theories about the parentage of James Bland (1661-1709) see VU, pp. 191-248, inter alia, and pp. 255-266.

25A. William Bland (C1686-1744), eldest son of James (1661-1709). William resided in Stafford/Prince William County Virginia. He married twice, to an unknown woman and Catherine Key. See VU, pp. 267-275; AC 12-2, p. 18; AC 14, pp. 10-18 and AC 19/20, pp. 16-21.

By his first wife, William had the following sons:

25A6A. James Bland (1704-1774), Prince William County Virginia and New Hanover/Duplin County North Carolina. James married Mary (Buchanan?). See: VU, pp. 275-342 and AC: 1-1, pp. 3-6; 1-2, pp. 4-6; 2-1, pp. 5-8; 2-2, pp. 32-34; 3-1, pp. 15-20; 3-2, pp. 30-39; 4-1, pp. 4-6; 4-2, pp. 18, 22; 5-2, p. 25; 6-2, pp. 5-7; 7-1, pp. 20-21; 7-2, pp. 18-20; 8-1, pp. 11-15, 27; 8-2, p. 42; 9-2, pp. 31-32; 11-1, pp. 10-32; 11-2 pp. 4-8; AC 12-2, pp. 32-36; AC 14, pp. 18-102; AC 15-17, pp. 124-134; AC 18, pp. 131-132, AC 19/20, pp. 19-66

25A6A(1) The only son of James Bland who had children that we know of was William Bland (C1726-1775). Children of William Bland 1726-1775 for whom family lines are extensively developed include:

25A6A(1a) William Bland (C1748-1816): AC 14 pp. 18-102

25A6A(1b) James Bland (C1749-1799) AC 11-1 pp. 10-32; AC 19/20, pp. 19-66; AC 21-23, pp. 53-60

25A6A(1c) John Bland (C1750-1827) VU pp. 284-293

25A6A(1d) Joseph Bland (C1754-1800) AC 8-1, pp. 11-15

25A6B. Robert Bland (C1708-1760), Prince William and Loudon Counties Virginia. Robert Married Jane _____. See: VU, pp. 484-544 and AC: 1-1, pp. 10-13; 1-2, pp. 20-21; 2-1, p. 15; 2-2, pp. 13-14; 3-1, pp. 33-40; 3-2, pp. 44-51; 4-1, pp. 15-16; 4-2, p. 23; 6-1, pp. 8-35; 6-2, pp. 26-33; 7-1, pp. 28-30; 7-2, p. 26; 8-1, pp. 31-32; 8-2, p. 45; AC 9-2, pp. 35-36; AC 10-1, pp. 12-16; 10-2, pp. 26-29; 11-2, pp. 8-19; AC 12-2, pp. 36-39; AC 13, pp. 85-86; AC 15-17, pp. 21-22, 114, 134-146; AC 18, pp. 135-140. AC 19/20, pp. 100-139.

Robert had three sons: Most descendants belong to line 25A6B(2), Robert Bland (C1732-1787) and his wife Ann _____. Discussions of Edward Bland (C1730-1800) are not well developed and William Bland (C1744 -) even less so. Major summaries for descendants of Robert Bland (C1708-1760) include:

25A6B(1) Edward Bland (C1730-1800) AC 6-1, pp. 10-12

25A6B(2) Robert Bland (C1732-1787)

25A6B(2a) Doshey Bland (1757-1765) AC 6-1, p. 12

25A6B(2b) John Bland (1758-1781) AC 6-1, p. 12, AC 15/17, pp. 21-22

25A6B(2c) Jane Bland (1762-1827) AC 6-1, p. 12

25A6B (2d) Mary Bland (1763 -) AC 6-1, p. 12

25A6B (2e) Presley Bland (1768-1839) AC 6-1, pp. 13-18 and 31-35, AC 6-2, pp. 26-33 ; AC 18, pp. 135-136; AC 19/20 pp. 66-77.

25A6B (2f) Wormeley Bland (1771-1800), AC 6-1, pp. 18-21

25A6B (2g) Elisha Bland (1775-1836) AC 6-1, pp. 21-24; AC 19/20 pp. 77-100

25A6B (2h) Peyton Bland (1780-1815) AC 6-1, pp. 24-30, AC 15/17, pp. 34-46; AC 19/20 pp. 100-139

25A6B (2i) James Bland (1783 -) AC 6-1, p. 31

25A6B(3) William Bland (C1744 -) AC 6-1, p. 10.

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

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

25A6C. Moses Bland (C1718-1800) of Prince William County Virginia and Randolph County North Carolina, married Jane Wiggonton. See: VU pp. 342-363 and in AC: 1-1, pp. 7-8; 1-2, pp. 13-18; 2-1, pp. 9-11, 2-2, pp. 34-35; 3-1, pp. 21-26; 3-2, pp. 39-40; 4-1, pp. 6-11; 5-2, pp. 23-25; 7-1, pp. 21-23; 8-1, pp. 15-25; 9-2, pp. 29-30; AC 10-1,

pp. 16-39; 10-2, pp. 9-26; 11-1, pp. 34-35; AC 12-2, pp. 31-32; AC 13, pp. 81-85; AC 15-17, pp. 130-133; AC 18, pp. 11-12, 56-60, AC 19/20 pp. 139-156.

Moses had eight children, including two sons who have extensively developed families:

25A6C(1) William Bland (C1751-1801) AC 10-1 pp. 20-33 and AC 10-2, pp. 9-26.

25A6C(1a) Moses Bland (C1772-1850) AC 10-1, pp. 20-24

25A6C(1b) James Bland (1773-1852) AC 10-1, pp. 24-27; AC 10-2, pp. 9-26

25A6C(1c) Thomas Bland (C1775-1820) AC 10-1, p. 27

25A6C(1d) Unnamed daughter (C1776 -) AC 10-1, p. 27

25A6C(1e) Ann Bland (C1778-1808) AC 10-1, p. 27

25A6C(1f) William Bland (C1786-1828) AC 10-1, p. 28

25A6C(1g) Jane Bland (C1787-1820) AC 10-1, p. 28

25A6C(1h) Abel Bland (C1788-1865) AC 10-1 pp. 28-31; AC 18, pp. 56-60; AC 19/20 pp. 139-156

25A6C (1i) John Bland (C1790-1830) AC 10-1, pp. 28-31

25A6C (1j) Margarette Bland (C1795-1860) AC 10-1, p. 33

25A6C (2-4) Sarah Bland, Winifred Bland and Frances Bland AC 10-1, p. 33

25A6C(5) Benjamin Bland (C1768 -) AC 10-1, pp. 33-37

25A6C(5a) Mary Bland (1793-1857) AC 10-1, p. 34.

25A6C(5b) William Bland (C1800-1860) AC 10-1, p. 34

25A6C(5c) Unnamed Daughter AC 10-1, p. 34

25A6C(5d) John Bland (C1801-1871) AC 10-1, p. 34

25A6C(5e) Martha Bland (C1803-1891) AC 10-1 p. 35

25A6C(5f) Elizabeth Bland (C1805 -) AC 10-1, p. 35

25A6C(5g) Jane Bland (C1807 -) AC 10-1, p. 35

25A6C(5h) Nancy Bland (C1810 -) AC 10-1, p. 36

25A6C (5i) Moses Bland (C1815-1873) AC 10-1, p.p. 36-37

25A6C (5j) Ruth Bland (1817-1912) AC 10-1, p. 37

25A-6D. Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) of Fauquier County Virginia, married Jane (English?) Smith. See: VU, pp. 367-390 and 396-398 and 478-479 and in AC: 1-2, pp. 8-9; 2-2, pp. 37-38; 3-1, pp. 11-13 and 30-32; 3-2, pp. 27-30; 4-1, pp. 13-15 and 21-23; 4-2, pp. 8-9 and 31-32; 5-2, pp. 10-13; 6-2, pp. 23-25; 7-1, pp. 14-17; 7-2, pp. 15-17; 8-1, pp. 8-9; AC 15-17, pp. 46-50. AC 21-23, pp. 159-169.

NB: Re the hypothesis that Thomas Bland (1719-1788) was the father of Joseph Bland (C1752-1820) of Frederick County Virginia, see AC: 4-2, pp. 8-9 and 9-2, pp. 7-10 (See Below, number 4, page 37).

- 25A6D (1) Henry Bland (C1741-1777) AC 15/17, pp. 46-47
25A6D (2) Joseph Bland (C1752-1820) AC 9-2, pp. 6-28; AC 15/17, pp. 47-48
AC 21-23, pp. 159-169
25A6D (3) Elizabeth Bland AC 15/17, p. 48
25A6D (4) Nancy Bland AC 15/17, p. 48
25A6D (5) Thomas Bland (C1765-1792) AC 15/17, pp. 48-49; AC 21-23, pp. 159-169
25A6D (6) James Bland (1780-1829) AC 15/17, pp. 49-50
25A6D (7-8) Catherine and Mary Bland AC 15/17, p. 50

25A-6E. John Bland (C1725-1795) of Prince William County Virginia and Nelson County Kentucky, married Margaret Osborne. See: VU, pp. 417-462, and AC: 1-1, pp. 8-9; 1-2, pp. 7-13, 24-25; 2-1, pp. 11-13; 2-2, pp. 25-26 and 29-32; 3-1, pp. 8-9 and 26-30; 3-2, pp. 9-15, 43-44 and 51; 4-1, pp. 11-13, 20-21 and 30-32; 4-2, pp. 26-31 and 38-39; 5-2, pp. 25-27; 6-1, pp. 35-37; 6-2, pp. 10-23; 7-1, pp. 24-27; 7-2, pp. 21-22; 8-1, p. 30; 10-1, pp. 45-46; 11-1, pp. 36-37; 11-2, pp. 19-36; AC 12-2, pp. 39-40; AC 13, pp. 37-79; AC 15-17, pp. 50-76; AC 18, pp. 12-13, 40, 44, 60-80, 133-134, 136-137.

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

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

25A6E(1) Osborne Bland AC 13, pp. 40-52; AC 15-17, pp. 50-64; AC 18, pp. 60-71

25A6E(1a) Margaret Bland (C1769-) AC 13, p. 42; AC 15/17, p. 50

25A6E(1b) John Bland (C1770-1842) AC 13, pp. 43-44; AC 15/17, pp. 51-53; AC 18, pp. 60-62; AC 21-23, PP. 12-15

25A6E (1c) Sarah Bland (C1773 -) AC 13, p. 44; AC 15/17, p. 53

25A6E (1d) Osborne Bland Jr. (C1774-1849) AC 13, pp. 44-47; AC 15/17 pp. 53-59; AC 18, pp. 133-134.

25A6E (1e) Jesse Bland (C1778-1843) AC 13, pp. 48-49; AC 15/17, pp. 59-62; AC 18 pp. 63-65

25A6E (1f) Moses Bland (C1780-1848) AC 13, p. 49; AC 15/17 p. 63; AC 18, pp. 63-66.

25A6E (1g) Warren Bland (C1782-1860) AC 13, p. 50; AC 15/17 p. 63

25A6E (1h) Daniel Bland (C1784-1848) AC 13, pp. 51-52; AC 15/17 pp. 63-64; AC 18, pp. 66-71.

25A6E (1i) William Bland (C1794-1856) AC 13, p. 52; AC 15/17 p. 64

25A6E (1j) Eli Bland (C1794-1856) AC 13, p. 52; AC 15/17 p. 64

25A6E (2) Prudence Bland (1750-1815) AC 13, pp. 52-54; AC 15/17, pp. 64-65

25A6E (3) Samuel Bland (C1751-1836), AC 13, pp. 54-59; AC 15/17. pp. 65-67; AC 18, pp. 71-73; AC 21-23, pp. 131-143.

- 25A6E(3a) John Bland (C1771-1835) AC 13, pp. 54-56; AC 15/17, p. 65; AC 18 p. 71; AC 21-23, pp. 143-159
- 25A6E (3b) Samuel Bland (C1775-1830) AC 13, pp. 56; AC 15/17, p. 65; AC 18, p. 71
- 25A6E (3c) Margaret Bland (C1783-1804) AC 13, p. 56-57; AC 15/17, p. 65
- 25A6E (3d) Isaac Bland (C1788-1840) AC 13, p. 57; AC 15/17, p. 65, AC 18, pp. 71-72
- 25A6E (3e) James Bland (C1793-1849) AC 13, pp. 57-58; AC 15/17, pp 65-67; AC 18, p. 73.
- 25A6E (3f-i) Eleanor Bland (C1794 -), Millie Bland (C1801 -), Nancy Bland (C1806 -), Prudence Bland (C1808 -), AC 13, p. 59; AC 15/17, p 67
- 25A6E (4) John Bland (C1752-1836); AC 13, pp. 59-67; AC 15/17, p. 67; AC 18, pp. 73-74 AC 21-23, pp. 142-159
- 25A6E (4a) Thomas Morton Bland (1772-1833) AC 13, pp. 61-65; AC 15/17 pp. 67-69;
- 25A6E (4b) John Bland (C1774-1825) AC 13, pp. 65-67; AC 15/17, p. 69
- 25A6E (5-6) Isaac Bland (C1756 - 1820) and Elijah Bland (C1760 -), AC 13, p. 67; AC 15/17 p. 69
- 25A6E (7) Daniel Bland (C1764-1838) , AC 13, pp. 68-72; AC 15/17, pp. 69-75; AC 18, pp. 74-78.
- 25A6E (7a) John H. Bland, AC 13, pp. 68-69; AC 15/17 p. 69
- 25A6E (7b) Daniel Bland (1803-1831), AC 13, p. 69; AC 15-17, p. 69 ;
- 25A6E (7c) Jesse Henry Bland (C1805-1862) AC 13, pp. 69-70; AC 15/17, pp. 70-71
- 25A6E (7d) Samuel Bland (C1806-1864) AC 13, pp. 70-71; AC 15/17, p. 71; AC 18, pp. 74-78
- 25A6E (7e) Thomas Osborne Bland (C1808 -) AC 13, p. 71; AC 15/17, p. 71
- 25A6E (7f-g) Mildred Bland (C1810-) and Nancy Bland (C1810 -) AC 13, p. 72; AC 15/17, p. 71
- 25A6E (7h) Sarah Bland (C1815-1861) AC 13, p. 72; AC 15/17, pp. 71-75
- 25A6E (8) William Bland (C1765-1850) AC 13, pp. 72-76; AC 15, p. 76;
- 25A6E (8a) Mary Bland, (1903 -) AC 13, pp. 73, AC 15/17 p. 76 (All children of William Bland are listed in AC 15/17, p. 76)
- 25A6E(8b) Nancy Bland (C1806 -) AC 13 p. 74
- 25A6E (8c) Susannah Bland (C1808-1842) AC 13, p. 74; AC 18, pp. 136-137
- 25A6E (8d) Lydia Bland (1812-1869) AC 13, p. 74
- 25A6E (8e) William Bland (C1813-1870) AC 13, pp. 74-75; AC 18, p. 78
- 25A6E (8f) Mildred Bland (C1814 -) AC 13, p. 75
- 25A6E (8g) Elijah Holderman Bland (C1814-1898), AC 13, p. 75
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25A6E (8h-p) Katherine Bland (C1816-); Augustian Bland (C1817 -); Mahalia Bland (C1817-1840), Emily Bland (C1820 -), Sarah Bland (C1824 -), Vardaman Bland (C1828-1888); Elizabeth Bland, Ward Bland and Thomas Bland , AC 13, p. 76.

25A6E (9) Frances Bland (C1770 -) AC 13, p. 76; AC 15/17, p. 77

25A6E (10) Mary Bland (C1774-1822) AC 13, pp. 76-77; AC 15/17, p 77

25B. James Bland, (C1687-1756) of Prince William County Virginia, married Mary Gwatkins. James is discussed in VU, pp. 401-416, esp. 401-403. James and Mary had two known sons.

25B6A. Benjamin Bland (C1724-1771) of Prince William County Virginia, married Mary _____. Benjamin's line is discussed in VU, pp. 403-415, and AC: 1-2, p. 22; 4-2, pp. 23-26; 5-2, p. 35; 6-2, p. 33; 7-1, pp. 27-28; 7-2, pp. 23-24; 8-1, p. 8; AC 9-2, pp. 34-35; AC 10-1, pp. 40-44; 11-1, pp. 37-39; AC 12-2, pp. 40-41; AC 15-17, pp. 22-46; AC 18, pp. 10, 80-84.

25B6A (1) James Bland (C1752-1802) AC 15/17, pp. 23-26; AC 18, p. 80

25B6A (2-5) Chloe Bland (C1752 -), Peggy Bland (C1755 -) Esther Bland (C1860 -), Amelia Bland (C1764 -) AC 15/17 p. 26

25B6A (6) Charles Bland (1765-1842) AC 15/17, pp. 26-38; AC 18, pp. 80-82

25B6A (7) Betty Bland (C1768 -), AC 15/17 p. 38

25B6A (8) John "Jacky" Bland (C1770-1820) AC 15/17 38-46; AC 18, pp. 82-84

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

25C. John Bland (C1688-1762), of Prince William County Virginia, married Prudence _____. It would seem plausible that Prudence was not John's first wife. John is discussed in VU, pp. 417ff and 463-477, and AC: 4-2, pp. 7-8. John and Prudence appear to have had two sons:

25C6A. John Bland, (C1742-1807), of Prince William County Virginia and Washington County Kentucky, married Rachel. John's line is discussed in VU, pp. 463-477 and AC: 1-1, pp. 6-7; 1-2, pp. 13-18; 2-1, pp. 13-15; 2-2, pp. 27-29; 4-2, pp. 33-37; 5-2, pp. 27-32; 6-2, pp. 33-34; 7-2, pp. 4-8; 8-1, pp. 27-30; AC 9-2, pp. 33-34; AC 12-2, p. 41; AC 13, pp. 17-37; AC 15-17, pp. 77-81; AC 18, pp. 40, 45, 85-88.

25C6A (1) Rolly Bland (C1763-1825) AC 13, pp. 17-27, AC 15-17, pp. 77-78

25C6A (2) Charles Bland (C1764-1819) AC 13, pp. 27-30; AC 15-17, pp. 78-79; AC 18, pp. 84-88

25C6A (3-5) Rachel Bland (C1765 -), Susannah Bland (C1766 -); Prudence Bland (C1767-1852), AC 13, p. 31; AC 15/17, p. 79

25C6A (6) Samuel Bland (C1777-1848), AC 13, pp. 31-37; AC 15/17, pp. 79-81.

25C6B. Jesse Bland (1756-1835), of Prince William and Greenbrier Counties Virginia, did not marry. Jesse is discussed in VU, p. 419 and AC: 4-2, pp. 7-8; AC 18, pp. 40, 45.

25D. Robert Bland, dates unknown, was a minor child noted in the will of James Bland, (1661-1708). A later document attests that he died without issue. Robert is discussed in VU, pp. 484-488. It is my belief that this child died young, and that the Robert Bland who lived to adulthood and whose children migrated to Edgefield County South Carolina was a son of William Bland (C1682-1744, cf AC: 2-2, pp. 13-14).

25E-H Alice, Ellen, Patience and Hannah Bland. Dates unknown, all were minors in 1709. Ellen Bland married Isaac Davis. Nothing more is known of these daughters of James Bland (C1661-1709). They are discussed in VU, pp. 260-261 and 267.

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

Other Extensively Developed Bland Family Lines:

3. Charles and John Bland (C1745 -) of Amherst County Virginia. AC 4-1, pp. 26-27; 5-2, pp. 18-22; 7-1, pp. 17-19; 7-2, p. 17, 9-2, pp. 36-37; 10-2, pp. 30; AC 12-2, pp. 23-30; AC 15-17, pp. 151-160; AC 18, pp. 86-88. AC 21-23 pp. 60-70.

4. Joseph Bland (C1752-1820) of Frederick County Virginia, VU, pp. 396-398 and AC 9-2, pp. 6-28; AC 10-1, pp. 47-48; AC 12-2, pp. 18-21. AC 21-23, pp. 159-169.

5. Reuben Bland, (1790-) of Wayne-Greene-Pulaski Counties, Kentucky. Sources: VU, pp. 479-483; AC: 1-1, p. 9; 1-2, p. 26; 2-1, p. 24; 4-2, pp. 39-40; 6-2, p. 34; 7-2, pp. 24-26; 8-1, p. 28; AC 15-17, pp. 81-88; AC 18, pp. 90-92

6. Samuel Bland, (C1700 -) of Mecklenburg County Virginia. Source: VU, pp. 586-590 (First Ed.) and 548-552 (second Ed.) and AC: 2-1, p. 24; 2-2, pp. 36A-37; AC 12-2, pp. 21-22. AC 15-17, pp. 146-151; AC 18, pp. 92-94. AC 21-23, pp. 80-104

7. Stephen Bland (C1782-1850) and Silas Bland (1792-1858) of Dallas County Alabama. Source: AC: 2-1, pp. 16-19; 5-1, pp. 27-41 and 6-2, p. 34; AC 15-17, pp. 114-124; AC 18 pp. 94-95, 125-126.

8. Thomas Bland (C1712-1780) Blands of Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Martin and Pitt Counties North Carolina. Source: AC 1-1, p. 15; 1-2, p. 27; 2-1, pp 22-24; 2-2, pp. 38-39; 3-2, pp. 40-42; 5-1, pp 28ff; 6-2, pp. 7-9; 7-1, pp. 23-24; 8-1, pp. 25-27; 9-2, p 6; 12-2, pp. 42-43; 15-17, pp. 88-113; AC 18, pp. 95-97, 101-131. AC 21-23, pp. 5-12 and 60-70.

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

10. William Bland (C1717-1803), of King and Queen County Virginia. Source: VU, pp. 392-396 and AC: 1-2, pp. 26-27; 2-1, pp. 19-22; 2-2, pp. 24-26; 3-1, pp. 8-9 and 39; 3-2, pp. 9-10 and 15-22; 4-1, pp. 17-20; 4-2, pp. 5-7; 5-2, pp. 13-15; 6-2, pp. 3-5; 7-1, pp. 12-14; 7-2, pp. 13-15; and 8-1, pp. 9-10; 9-1, pp. 14-36. 9-2, p. 28; AC 18, p. 98; Ac 21-23, 104-107

Bland Families Noted but Without Extensive Developmental Lines

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

12. Arthur Bland, Guilford County North Carolina. AC, 3-2, p. 53, and 5-2, pp. 32-33; AC 18, p. 99. Morris Brewer Bland (C1829-1902), #26 in AC 19/20, has been merged with this family: AC 5-2, p. 34. AC 15-17, p. 151. AC 21-23, pp. 107-114.

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

14. Elizabeth Bland Ballard, Spotsylvania County Virginia.
AC 3-2, p. 51; 4-2, pp. 41-42 and 8-1, pp. 28-29 AC 21-23, pp. 195-198

15. General Vanransler Bland (1825-1904) of Cass County Michigan. AC 18, pp. 20-23

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

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

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

19. James and Elizabeth Bland (C1700) Isle of Wight County Virginia AC 21-23. pp. 169-177

21. Jane Bland Forrester of Stokes County N.C. AC, 3-1, p. 41.
22. John Bland (C1776-) Marshall County Tennessee AC 21-23, pp. 114-117
23. John Bland (1791-1878) of Toronto Gore Canada. AC 1-2, p. 26 and 2-1, pp. 24-25.
24. John Bland (C1792-1853) of Prince William County Virginia AC 21-23, p. 198.
25. John Bland (1812-1864) of Peoria Illinois, AC 3-2, pp. 5-6.
26. John W. Bland (C1822 -) of Williamson County Tennessee AC 21-23, pp. 124-125
27. John Bland, (C1827 -) Davidson County Tennessee AC 21-23, p. 125
28. John Bland, (1832-1908) of England and Greenwood Counties Kansas. VU p. viii and AC 3-2, pp. 52-53; AC 18, pp. 141-142.
29. John Bland Smith (1590-1668) of Martha's Vineyard Massachusetts. AC 4-1, p. 34; 8-1, p. 34; 8-2, pp. 40-41.
30. Joshua Bland (C1790-1843) of Virginia, AC 12-2, pp. 43-44.
31. Josiah Bland (1820-1898) of Hardy County Virginia AC 21-23, pp. 185-191
32. Peregrine Bland (C1596-1654) VU, pp. 240-243, AC 2-2, pp. 9-10 and AC 5-2 p. 9
33. Richard Percival Bland (C1700-1737) of St. Helena South Carolina, VU, p. 494. AC 21-23, pp. 198-203.
34. Robert Bland (C1734-1795) of Monroe County Virginia/ West Virginia. AC 2-2, p. 14; 3-1, p. 10; 4-2, pp. 7-8; 7-2, p. 31; 8-1, pp. 43-44; 9-1, pp. 41-42; AC 18, pp. 40-45.
30. Robert Bland (1783-1836) of Berks County Pennsylvania. AC 6-2, pp. 35-36.
31. Samuel Bland, (C1803- living in 1850), Blount County Alabama, AC 4-1, p. 29-30; 5-1, pp. 49-50, AC 21-23, pp. 117-124.
32. Talton Bland, (C1795-1870) of Edgefield County South Carolina and Chattahoochie County Georgia, AC 1-1, p. 13; 2-2, pp. 36-36A; 5-1, p. 42 and 6-1, pp. 31-32; AC 19/20 pp. 73-77.
33. Thomas Bland, Scrivener of London (-1667) VU, pp. 243-249.

34. Thomas Bland (1783/1788 – 1863) of Caroline County Virginia. AC 21-23, pp. 177-185.
35. Thomas Bland of England (C1789-), AC 3-2, p. 52.
36. William Bland of Nottinghamshire England (- 1786), AC 19/20, pp. 157-160.
37. William Bland of Pike-Barbour County Alabama, AC 1-2, pp. 21-22; 3-1 pp. 37-38, 42; 4-1, pp. 28-29; 5-1, pp. 42-49 and 8-1, pp. 33-34.
- 38 . William Bland of Union County SC, (1792-1868). VU, pp. 524-544 and AC 6-1, pp. 32-34; AC 19/20 pp. 70-73.
39. William Bland of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, VU, pp. 365-366; AC 1-1, p. 8; 1-2, pp. 25-26.
40. William Bland (1813-1898) of North Carolina and Mississippi, AC 8-2, pp. 43-45.
41. William Bland (1817-1875) of Wheeling West Virginia, AC 3-2, p. 54.
42. William Bland of England, AC 2-2, p. 41; 3-1, p. 39.
43. Willson Bland of Maury County Tennessee AC 21-23 p. 125.

1850 Census

AC 4-1, pp. 24-27, Tennessee; AC 7-1, pp. 32-39, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York.; AC 7-2, pp. 32-49, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Indiana; AC 8-1, pp. 35-51, Virginia/West Virginia.

Roster of Soldiers of the War of 1812: AC 7-2, pp. 27-30. AC 21-23, pp. 191-195.

DNA: THE NEW GREAT GAME IN GENEALOGY

In the years ahead, I think those who read these pages will see that the biggest breakthrough in our understanding of the Bland family will be credited to a thirty something cousin Terese Bland Bueker, from The Woodlands, a suburb of Houston, Texas. Some time in 2002 Terese and her second cousin, Tim Bland, became interested in DNA technology. Terese learned that Family Tree DNA, one of only two companies that work with this new technology with its immense implications for genealogy was located in Houston. Terese contacted Bennett Greenspan, the company founder, and invited him to speak at the 2002 Reunion in The Woodlands. This presentation can be

said to be the starting point of our consciousness about the usefulness of DNA in family history research.

As the voluntary Bland Family DNA Project Coordinator, Terese got things rolling by addressing the 2003 Reunion Group at Savannah, Georgia and again at the 2004 Reunion at Salt Lake City, Utah with the possibilities of this new technology. The first two volunteers were from her family--her brother, Donald Bland, and second cousin, David Timothy "Tim" Bland, both descendants of Talton Bland. (We think Talton would be 25A6B (2e) but cannot yet prove this theory.) The significance of DNA can be appreciated by beginning with our hypotheses that Donald (and sister Terese), Tim, and yours truly descend from Presley Bland (1768-1839) of Edgefield County South Carolina. No historical evidence can conclusively prove this, but DNA evidence points to a shared ancestor. Notably, 24 of the first 25 markers identified by Tim and me are identical (Donald is a 23-25 match, still indicating a relationship). Another is the often groundless belief many of us harbor that we belong to the visibly illustrious descendants of the James River Bland family. As it happens, a verified James River Descendant, Robert O. Bland of Deland Florida, took the test. Comparison of his DNA with mine shows a variance in seven markers, which means we both have blood in our veins, but not much else. Since Donald and Tim volunteered as guinea pigs, eleven additional results have been posted. David Bland, the Bland Heritage Organization Webmaster, recently indicated that six new cousins requested test kits in June 2005, with results anticipated for posting in August. These new postings will be especially valuable because several of them, at least, come from one of the lesser developed lines noted above, 28-30, family lines 11-43. Thus far, the results have been divided into four groups, (see the graph on the following page):

1. The Pendleton County, Virginia/West Virginia Family #9, Page 28. The three cousins in this category clearly represent the benefit of DNA research. The 25 marker results of the three men are very close, with identical results for two of them. Richard Erskine Bland descends from #9, The Pendleton County Family. I have assigned Bernard Bland's ancestor to line #34, pp. 177-185 below, Thomas Bland of Caroline County Virginia, I have also assigned John Richard Bland's ancestors to line #26 (see pp. 185-191, below), Josiah Bland of Hardy County Virginia. While Hardy County has some proximity to Pendleton, and there has always been some suspicion that Josiah Bland belongs with the Pendleton County family, traditional historical information has never clearly identified the connection. DNA evidence now does. Bernard Bland's ancestors lived in Caroline County, (formed from King and Queen County, Virginia in 1727). This is in the Tidewater Region, far removed from Pendleton and Hardy Counties, which were among the states that broke away to become West Virginia. Yet Bernard's DNA through 25 markers is identical to the that of Richard E. Bland and only a 2 mismatch to John's. Clearly they all share a recent common ancestor.

2. Prince William County Virginia and Kent County Maryland see line #24, p. 29 above and discussion, pp. 50, 198
3. The Northern Neck Blands, broadly, line #2, pp. 21-27.
4. The James River Blands. Line #1 pp, 20-21

I have no doubt that by next year we will have identified several other groupings. How do you get involved? The best way is to go to www.blandheritage.org, click on the Bland DNA section. Here you will find an brief discussion of the technology, a display of the cumulative results to date, and Terese Bueker's analysis of what it all means. The site also contains instructions for joining the Project. To apply: you must be a male who carries the surname Bland (Blan, Blann). (Or as a female, you must be able to rustle up a male relative who does.) At the DNA site, scroll down to "Participation is as Easy as 1,2,3," follow the prompts, complete the application, and register through the Bland Heritage Site (It will save you significant money.) Terese Bland Bueker will be happy to correspond with you about the process at terese_bueker@anadarko.com. The kit, which will be ordered by Terese and sent to you by Family Tree DNA, is easy to complete, more simple than putting on a band-aid. (Just be careful you don't let the cat lick the swab or you might be more furry than your other cousins.) If you want confidentiality, that can be provided. Cost is not insignificant, and the cousins who have dug deep for this project are to be thanked and congratulated for their devotion to the family. As to the number of markers to choose, get the most that you can afford. The most offered right now is 37 markers at \$219. Next step down is \$169 for 25 markers. That's acceptable, but not quite as good. The least you can order is 12 at \$99. That is not really a good option, however, as it can give the impression of a match when more markers will show that it is not. Shipping of \$2 is to be added to this cost. Check or credit card information is to be returned with the kit.

Please begin this process soon. Generations to come will benefit immensely from your participation and contribution. And besides, it's an exciting adventure!



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☐ Not a match with the others in your group.

Photos on Page 32
L-R: Terese Bland Bueker and Bennett Greenspan founder of Family Tree DNA
Courtesy of Botumroath Lebun

THE NATIONAL BLAND REUNION: 2001-2006

It is a sign of how far behind I am that four Reunions have passed without review in a newsletter. Not only that, but searching for photographs of the four reunions discussed here, I found only photos for the 2002 reunion, and a few, mostly unusable photographs for the 2003 Reunions, none for 2001 and 2004. I apologize for this and by way of compensation propose a display of the 2002 Reunion with some emphasis on the sponsors for the 2001 and 2004 Reunions

What has changed about our reunions is their development following the Reunion in Berea Kentucky, where we organized and designated committees to assist local sponsors with the work of developing reunions and to provide a fail safe guard in case the local sponsor became unable to finish the work. Berea in 1999 and Hampton Virginia in 2000 were the last of the August Reunions. Thereafter the reunion shifted to the third weekend in July. The 2001 Reunion was the first in which a strongly committed local sponsor teamed with the committees of the Bland Heritage Organization to develop the reunions. In these past few years, I have come to recognize an incalculable debt that is owed to a few members of the organization, including the President Patricia Marsh of Sellersburg Indiana, who has been instrumental and vital in pushing the new board to take itself seriously and do the work that needs to be done. I can tell you Patricia's secret, in her former life she was a goat herder. Linda Ludecke, in spite of some personal adversity, has been tireless in her work to develop the reunions, including these last few years when the board has taken a more active role. More than any, I don't think the reunion could have continued without her. I have also noted above at the innovative and creative work on DNA that has been done by Terese Bueker. This is a good time to thank not only the Board, but these fine ladies who have given so generously of their time and energy to sustain the Bland family's genealogical quest.

The Seventeenth National Reunion, 2001 St. Joseph Missouri The Seventeenth National Bland Reunion was held at St. Joseph's Missouri on July 20-22, 2001. The local sponsor for the Reunion was Patricia Bland Elliott of St. Josephs. There was a good turnout of about 90 and it was a very enjoyable reunion. The reunion included a visit and welcome by the mayor of St. Josephs, Mr. Larry Stobbs. On Saturday, there was an exchange of information and Patricia Elliott, teamed with her brother Laverne Bland II, presented a talk on the Blands of Western Missouri. This turned out to be fortuitous for in preparing her talk, Patricia Elliott found some information of relevance for the family of James Bland (1793-1849) a child of Samuel Bland (C1751-1836), the younger brother of Osborne Bland (C1748-1820) through whose line Patricia Elliott and her family descend. This new information turned out to be very useful to the effort in this newsletter to enhance our knowledge of the descendants of James Bland (1793-1849) **see discussion below pp.** We are especially grateful to Patricia Bland Elliott and her family for her good effort in organizing this reunion and for her devotion to the Bland family.

The Eighteenth National Reunion, 2002, The Woodlands, Texas The Eighteenth National Bland Reunion was held July 19-21, 2002. The local sponsor was Linda Ludecke of Spring Texas, with assistance from Terese Bueker (see discussion, pp. 30-33) and Linda's sister Vicki Clackley. Turnout was nice, maybe 100 or more. This was the second Texas Reunion, the Twelfth was held in Orange Texas in August 1996. There were two or three major Bland families that settled in Texas, including the populous line of Peyton Bland and his wife Elizabeth Smith of Orange County Texas in the 1820s and 1830s, Abel Bland and his wife Ann James who settled in Red River County Texas in the 1830s and Talton Bland and his wife whose children came to Texas later in the 19th Century. Many of their descendants attended this reunion including Linda and Vicki, descended from the Peyton Bland family and Terese Bueker, a descendant of Talton. The Reunion was special for me for it turns out to have been the only one attended by my wife Na. Na has been taking summer college courses and stays home to keep up with her classes. I was also joined by my "kids" Thomas Eliot Bland and Botumroath Lebun. It was very relaxing and fun, including the above noted presentation by Bernard Greenspan, founder of Family Tree DNA and Terese Bunker's inaugural talk on the new DNA technology. We also heard "Mariah" by Richard Parks Bland and a funny skit by Linda, Vicki and Terese about the heroic life of Elizabeth Smith (1794-1856) ancestral granny of the Peyton Bland family.

The Nineteenth National Reunion, 2003, Savannah Georgia The Nineteenth National Bland Reunion was held on July 18-20, 2003 at Savannah Georgia, surely one of the most beautiful cities for our annual reunion. Attendance was respectable, about 70, and it seemed that those who gathered for this reunion found it relaxing between a well planned reunion and the sights and night life of Savannah. The local sponsors were Janice Friel and Jeanette Sullivan of Savannah from the Duplin County North Carolina Family. Georgia is home to the line of Elisha Bland (1775-1836) of Edgefield County South Carolina and Washington County Georgia also home to another prolific line of Blands from Duplin County North Carolina who settled around 1815 in the area of Bulloch County Georgia. There are a number of smaller lines that moved through Georgia during the 19th Century. I'm very grateful to Janice Friel and Jeanette Sullivan for their local help in organizing this reunion.

The Twentieth National Reunion, 2004, Salt Lake City Utah The Twentieth National Reunion was held at Salt Lake City Utah on July 16-18, 2004. Local site hosts were VaLene Collings and Mildred Hunter. VaLene Collings is a descendant of Mary Lee Bland Ewell Jones, a Mormon pioneer whose life history is deeply involved with the Mormon Experience and Salt Lake City. Attendance was very low, about 30. The board accepts this blip in attendance because it was considered important to hold the reunion in Salt Lake City for several reasons. Most important was that since the 1999 Reunion, Mildred Hunter has been unable to travel and the board made a conscious decision to bring the Reunion to her and honor her as the on site host. Mildred has been a tireless genealogical researcher with wide ranging and catholic interests. Mildred and her

husband, the late Albert S. Hunter were tremendously influential to my own education in genealogy and have had a deeply significant to what we know about Bland history and genealogy. Second, we hoped that Salt Lake City would at once be close enough for come west coast cousins to attend and also a draw for cousins in the Midwest, south and southwest who might take advantage of the vast research sources of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Library. There were indeed some western cousins who might not have been able to attend otherwise, but attendance from the Bland heartland dropped off precipitously.

Notwithstanding this, we had a good reunion. There was indeed a chance to do significant genealogical research, some of which informs this Newsletter and will be helpful in future issues. It was wonderful to have a chance to meet not only VaLene Collings but other western cousins who have corresponded with me over the years. The reunion was cozy and to me a lot of fun.

The Twenty First National Reunion, Nashville Tennessee By the time most of you read this, we will have convened at Nashville for our Twenty First Reunion, July 15-17. Early returns show attendance is up from last year, so we are hoping for a grand ol' time in Opryland and would love to see y'all there.

2006 and The Future Serious contenders are Kitty Hawk North Carolina and Branson Missouri. We soldier on and it is always my most fervent wish to see you at these events that have been a central part of my life since John Bland of Elizabethtown Kentucky and I developed the first one, long ago it seems, in Elizabethtown Kentucky.

The following photos are selected from over one hundred taken and developed by my Khmer Kutie, Botumroath Lebun and are offered with her compliments.



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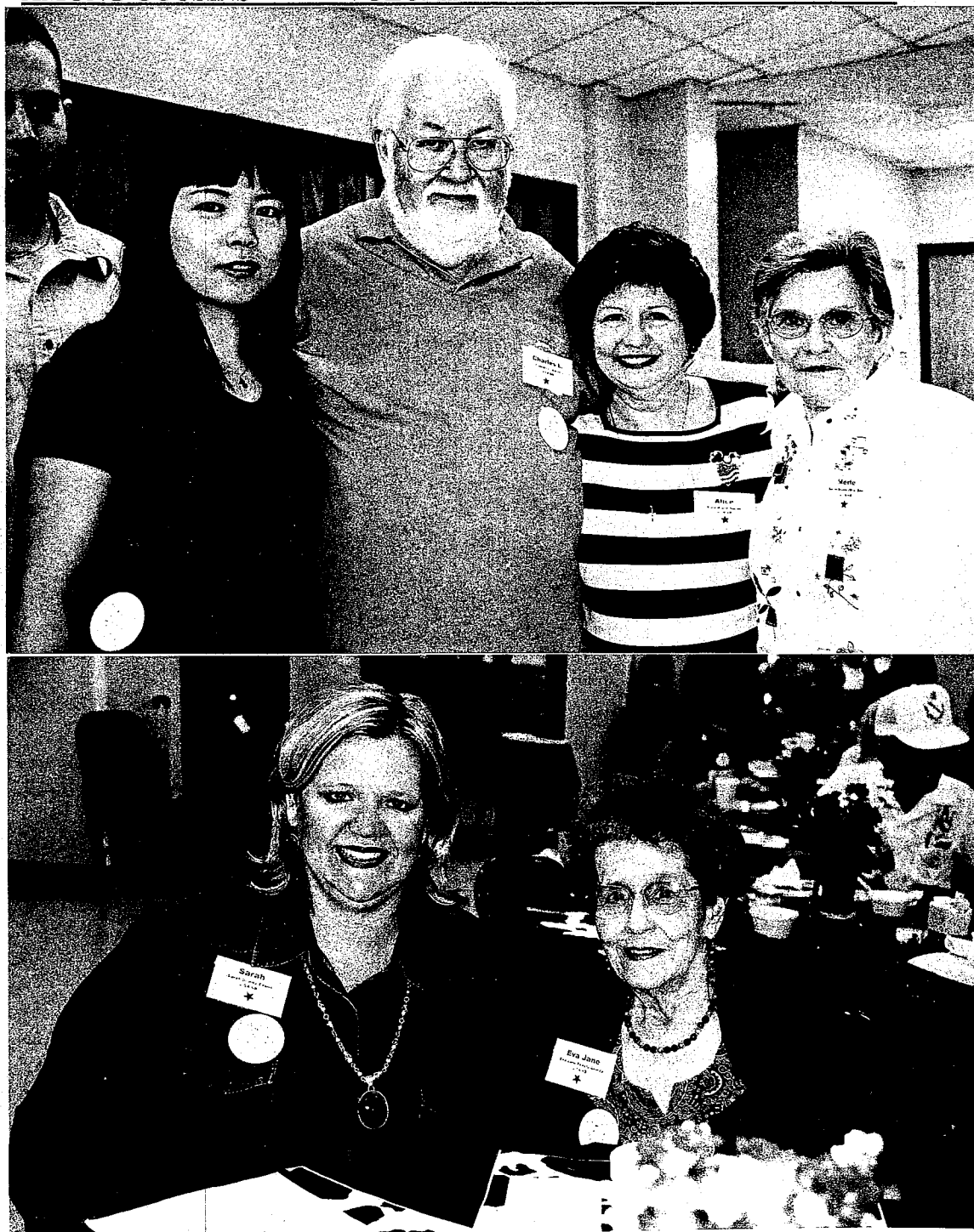
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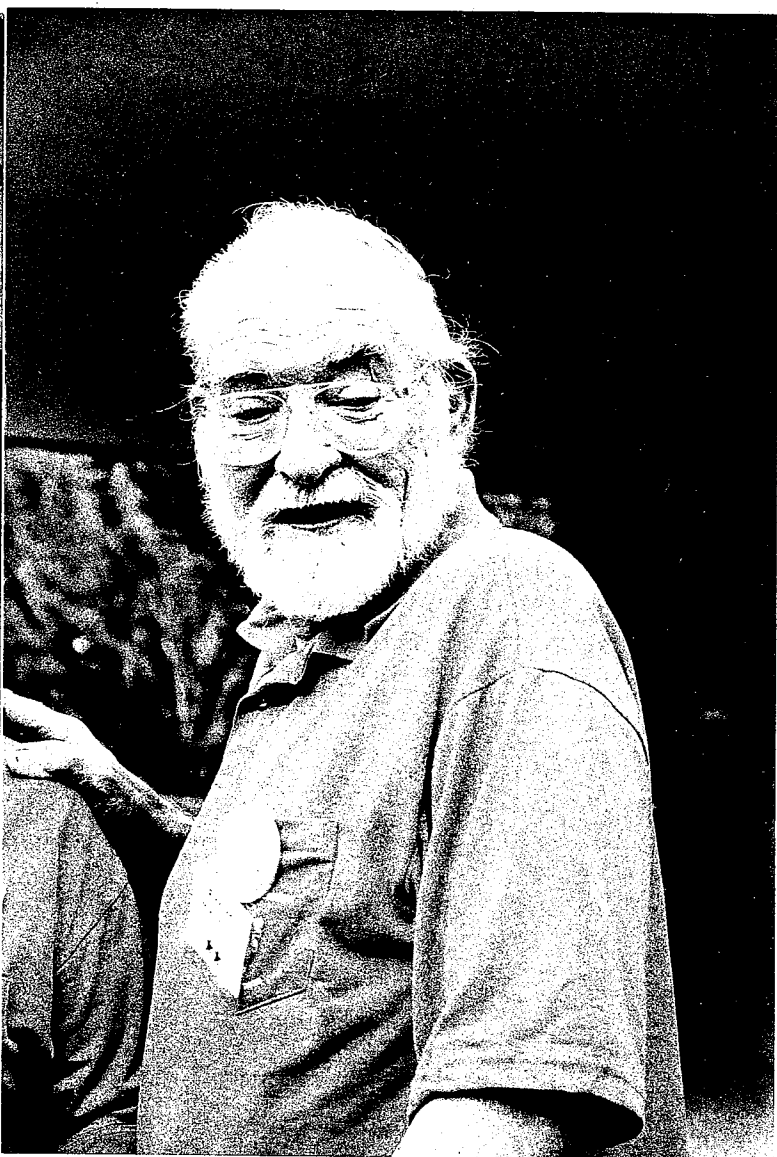
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TRANSITIONS

Births Since 2002, no one has told me about a single birth, leading me to think there were none and that our name will become extinct within a generation.

Marriages S. Beau Bland of married Kimberly Jane McIlrath at Reidsville Georgia on June 20, 1998.

I was also happy to learn of the marriage of a cousin and good friend Nelle Oliver Mang of Houston Texas, widow of longtime correspondent Conrad Mang, to Marvin Louis McLaughlin at Beaumont Texas on January 13, 2003.

Obituaries (Noted Chronologically)

Richard K. Bland (November 6, 1915 – May 31, 1994) was born in Plano Iowa and died at Rockford Illinois. Richard served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired as a supervisor in the Sundstrand Corporation in 1978. He was married to Gladys Pasch in Joplin Missouri on July 31, 1942.

Helen L. Bourque (July 15, 1918 – March 23, 2001) was born in Lake Charles Louisiana and died in Houston Texas. In spite of severe disabilities, Helen was an avid Bland genealogist who descended from the line of Peyton Bland (1780-1815) of Edgefield County South Carolina, Louisiana, whose survivors moved on to what became Orange County

Texas. Helen was a memorable correspondent and teacher for me in the 1980s and I was saddened to learn that she had passed away.

I received an obituary notice for William O. Bland (July 30, 1918 – August 16, 2001) who was born at Queen City Missouri and died at Rockford Illinois. He married Katherine Dougherty on October 26, 1946. William was a veteran of the U.S. Army Corps and was employed by Jefco and Aquamatic in Rockford.

Beulah Potts (- September 8, 2001) a cousin of mine who lived in Mooresville North Carolina. Beulah married Baxter Potts, whose mother was my great aunt Hestine Bland Potts (1905-1984). Her brother in law Ferrell Potts wrote a letter describing a hard final year for Beulah which makes me sad to know.

Another cousins death in this family was Evelyn Potts Vaughn (November 16, 1920 – December 18, 2000) daughter of the above noted Hestine Bland Potts. Evelyn lived in Roanoke Virginia. She was born in High Point North Carolina and married Vaughn.

I note here also the passing of someone much more significant in my life, my Aunt Sarah Bland Setzer, (April 28, 1919 – March 14, 2002), who was born in Lexington North Carolina and died at Orlando Florida, where she had lived since the 1950s. Aunt Sarah married Forrest Sidney "Pete" Setzer in Cramerton North Carolina on September 24, 1938. Pete and Sarah had one child, a daughter Sarah Setzer Whitekettle, who was my childhood playmate. Sarah and I lost contact sometime during the 60s and

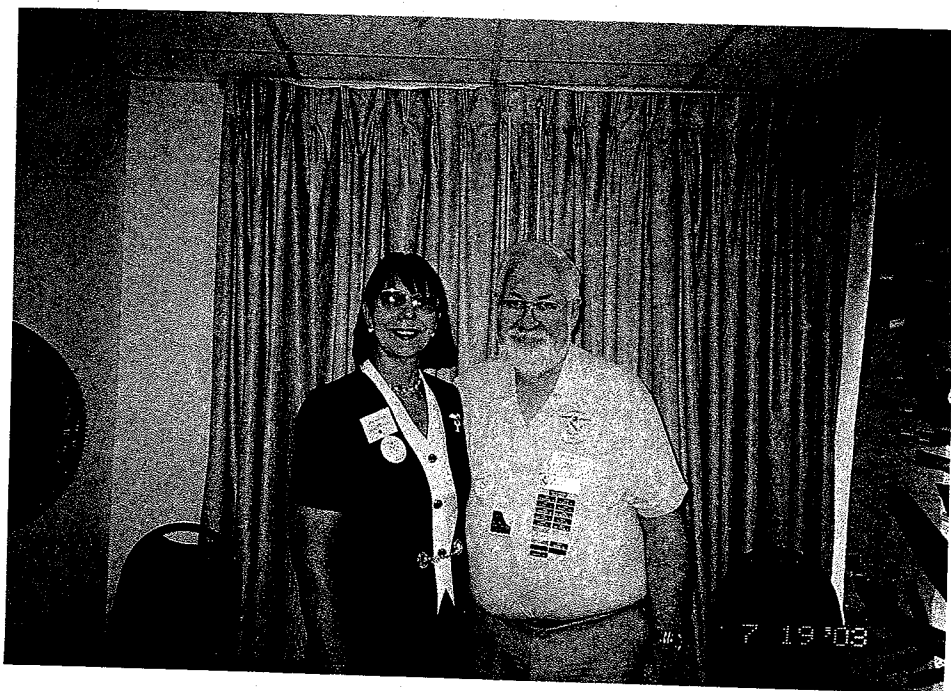


didn't meet each other until July 2003 at the Bland Family Reunion in Savannah Georgia. During her lifetime, Sarah worked as a post mistress and beautician. My best memories of her were during World War II, when her husband Pete was away at war, as was my father, and my mother and I lived with Aunt Sarah at the home of my grand parents Thomas Bunyan Bland and Margaret Kirby Bland. Let's face it, Aunt Sarah spoiled me rotten, once snatched a "switch" from the hands of my grandmother and ordered her not ever to hit me. I loved her. Aunt Sarah and my father, Bruce Bland, were the youngest in a family of ten children and were the best of friends. When Dad came home on furlough, dad was "Boogie" and Sarah was "Woogie." In those long ago days, Aunt Sarah sang a song to me "You are my Sunshine, my Only Sunshine." Actually I think I was just there and she was singing to Pete, but that's ok. Time moves on and old memories fade and Aunt Sarah and I drifted our separate ways. The last time I saw her was March 1984 at my father's funerals, where relatives often meet briefly. Displayed below is a photograph of Aunt Sarah taken at about that time, and another photo of Aunt Sarah and my Dad during one of those furloughs, with your faithful narrator squeezed in between, followed by a photo of me and Aunt Sarah's daughter at the 2003 National Bland Reunion.



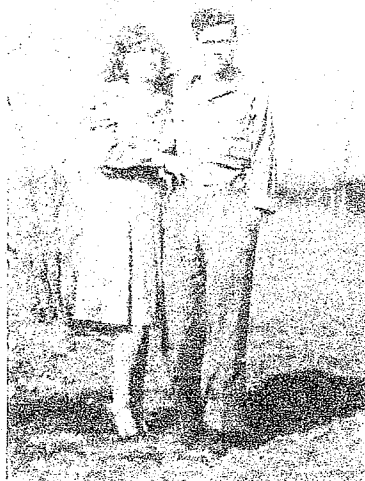
Aunt Sarah, Courtesy of Charles L. Bland

Top Photo: Dad, your faithful narrator and Aunt Sarah in a happy time, C1942
Lower Photo: Aunt Sarah's daughter Sarah Setzer Whitekettle and your faithful narrator



Hazel Judelle Tucker Smith (August 18, 1930 – November 14, 2002) was the mother of my friend and correspondent Marsha Marsha Smith-Hamilton of Campbellsville Kentucky. She was born in Magnolia Kentucky to Maud Ann Dye and James Elmore Tucker and died at Campbellsville Kentucky. Hazel married William Harold “Buddy” Smith. Buddy Smith descended from Osborne Bland (C1748-1820) and his wife Letitia while Hazelle Tucker descended from the family line of Charles Bland (1765-1842) of Garrard County Kentucky, making Marsha Marsha Smith-Hamilton a double descent Bland, which is why I chose her as one of the first Quintessential Bland Women.²⁸

Hazel Judelle
Tucker Smith
And Buddy Smith
Courtesy
Marsha Smith Hamilton



Joan Bland of Virginia Beach wrote me that her husband Richard Bland died on December 16, 2002 after a brief illness. His birth year was not noted. Richard descended from the James River Blands and frequently attended Bland reunions in the 1980s and early 1990s.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of one of my favorite cousins, David Taylor of Shelbyville Indiana, (June 6, 1923 – July 3, 2003). David was born in Johnson County Indiana and died at Shelbyville. In his lifetime David was an Army veteran of World War II, who saw action as a glider pilot, earning a Purple Heart and silver Star for his service. David graduated from High School in 1941 and worked as a farmer and school bus driver from his home outside Shelbyville. He married Lois Hudson, a Bland descendant through the line of Moses Bland of Randolph County North Carolina, on January 29, 1970. I am pleased to display below a photograph of Lois and David, wearing his signature dark glasses:

²⁸ AC 18, pp. 10-11.

Photos L: David and Lois Taylor; R: Lenore Bland Brown Nichol



Lenore Bland Brown Nichol (July 16, 1928 - September 16, 2003) passed away at her home in Fort Worth Texas. She was born in Everett Washington. During her lifetime, Lenore was a faithful attendant at the Bland Reunions. I last saw her at the 2001 Reunion in St. Joseph Missouri. Lenore descended from the Bland family of Duplin County North Carolina, James Bland C1749-1799) and his wife Bathsheba. Lenore married Earl D. Brown on December 7, 1947. Following Earl's death in 1996, Lenore married Albert Nichol. In her lifetime, she was a teacher, gaining a master's degree in education from Texas Christian University in 1970 and teaching in the schools in Paris Texas. She was a very able family historian who contributed a great deal to what we know of her family line.

Colonel George Earl Bland (ret) (December 18, 1922 - December 10, 2003) passed away at Richmond Virginia and funeral services were conducted at Arlington National Cemetery on January 28, 2004. Colonel Bland graduated from Indiana University in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army for thirty years. He married Hazel _____ who died before him.

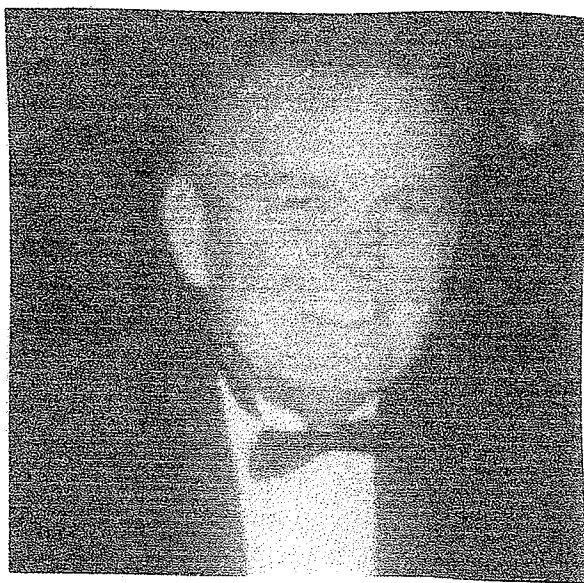
My long time genealogical correspondent and friend Robert Wheeler (January 24, 1921 – April 15, 2004) passed away after a sustained illness. Bob was a farmer who lived his whole life in Lebanon Oregon and worked with his brothers as a farmer. He married Evelyn Truitt on June 14, 1947. Bob descended from the Bland family of Randolph County North Carolina.

A favorite Cousin, William Moore of Hopewell Virginia (February 29, 1924 – July 1, 2004) was killed in a traffic accident in England. He was born at Salisbury North Carolina. Bill belonged to the Bland family from Chatham County, earlier Duplin County North Carolina. Bill worked on the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge Tennessee in World War II. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering in 1945 from North Carolina State University, and a Masters Degree in Chemistry from the University of Richmond Virginia in 1956. He worked as a research scientist at Allied Chemical and retired in 1974. He remained active in his work however, and his wife wrote me that "Bill loved his work and gave much to civilization in the way of new products for animal feed, plant food and general improvements for every facet of living. He and his wife Vera Moore were, and Vera continues to be, active in maintenance and upkeep of the Bland Family Cemetery at Jordan's Point Virginia, significant as the burial place for Richard Bland the patriot politician (1710-1776) and mentor of Thomas Jefferson, (See discussion, p. 53) I am pleased to display below a photograph of William Moore and his wife Vera, taken at the Second National Bland Reunion at Richard Bland College in Petersburg Virginia, in 1986.



Wilbur Preston Bland (July 2, 1936 – November 1, 2004) was born in Camden New Jersey and died in Clovis California. Wilbur descended from a line that has just come to my attention in 2004, about which very little is presently know, going back to John Bland (C1792-1853) of St. Mary's County Maryland (see p. 29, line #22 and page 198. In his lifetime, Wilbur worked with NASA in the manned space program, and also served in the U.S. Navy and Air Force. Wilbur gave us a bonus when he went through the DNA procedure discussed above pp. 30-33, quite a gift to Bland Family History. I am pleased to display below a photo of Wilbur Preston Bland:

Photo: Wilbur Preston Bland (1936-2004)
Courtesy Valerie Bland



Patricia Bland Marsh sent me the obituary notice of Margaret Waters Jordan (July 7, 1909 – November 7, 2004) who was born and died at Vandalia Missouri. Margaret was the daughter of William S. Waters and Elizabeth Bland, who was descended from the family of Charles Bland (1765-1842) of Garrard County Kentucky. Margaret married Gerald J. Jordan in 1936. Both Margaret and her husband operated the Waters Furniture Company in Vandalia Missouri.

One of our best Bland family friends, Francis Herbert Bland of Paragould Arkansas, (1918-2005) passed away on February 8, 2005. A fuller tribute to Francis Bland appears with the historical discussion of the Amherst County Virginia Blands he loved so much, pp. 60-61

I received word from cousin Louise Miles that her mother in law Vera Bland (1907-2005) passed away on May 15, 2005. Vera was a relative of Richard Parks Bland of Denver Colorado and she attended the National Bland Reunion in Prince William County Virginia in 1990.

Patricia Marsh also sent me information about the passing of Forest O. Bland (December 5, 1905 – July 1, 2005). Forest was born in Iowa and died at Campbellsville Kentucky. Forest married Altha Newton 82 years ago on January 27, 1923, and their 80th anniversary was noted in a broadcast by Paul Harvey. Altha is the same age as Forest and will be 100 this month.

Brief Obituaries²⁹

*Alma Beasley Bland (1911 – December 23, 1998), Metter Georgia
Charles T. Bland Jr. (1930 – December 5, 2001) was born in Norfolk Virginia and died in Chesapeake Virginia.

*Evell Glover Youmans Bland (1910 – January 22, 2003)

*Lewis Baxter Bland (1928 - June 1, 2003) Lincolnton North Carolina

*Odis A. Bland (1948- June 15, 2003), Tivoli Texas

*Lois H. Bland (1931 – June 17, 2003) Duluth Minnesota

*Margaret A. Smith Bland (1933- June 19, 2003) Kansas City Missouri

*Alphonso Bland (1963 – June 26, 2003), Virginia Beach Virginia

*Jack W. Bland, (1906- June 30, 2003) Sherman Texas

Haywood Gilbert Bland Jr. (1919 – August 12, 2003) died in Chesapeake Virginia.

Anna Washlock Bland, (January 11, 1935 – October 7, 2003) was born in Hazelton Pennsylvania and died in Collegeville Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Frankey Bland (July 21, 1913 – November 8, 2003) Elizabeth was the widow of William Richard Bland when she died at Arvon Virginia. She was born in Buckingham County Virginia.

Mimi Mimi, (actually Me Me, in China people don't call a cat "kitty kitty" but "Me Me") the much beloved grandfather and pet for me and my wife Na Li, passed away at age 19 on January 4 2005. I want to make this special tribute to a very special kitty who in some ways can be said to have saved my life. In turn, Mimi was a very lucky kitty because he had a mommy who loved him more than any mother has ever loved her baby and a "Ba Ba" (Mandarin for papa) who loved him very much. The short version is that in October 2001, when I went to China to bring Na home with me, she was faced with the dilemma that she would need to leave Mimi behind. Na's father had already said that when Na left, he would get rid of Mimi and Na's mother had said that if he did, she would leave him. It is not a certainty but surely grounds for a shrewd suspicion that if I had refused to bring Mimi, Na might not have come with me. Thus, Mimi held two marriages in the balance and all was set right when Na and I got busy and made arrangements to bring Grandpa Mimi with us to the United States.

After I settled in with Na and old grandpa, it became a matter of principal for me to have an annual physical checkup, whereas for example, before it had been 1991 to 2000 between checkups. The greater regularity had no little part to do with Na's prodding.

²⁹ Asterisked notices were found at Genforum, posted July 11, 2003 by Chris Bland.

At the end of my annual physical in Fall 2002, the doctor prescribed a colonoscopy, just to be safe.³⁰ As it happened, after I procrastinated until April 2003, the procedure revealed a cancer. After a terrifying two days the followup tests revealed that the cancer was still contained within the cyst. I am fortunate, for the surgery excised the dangerous cyst before the cancer broke out and spread. Had Na (and remember, no Mimi, no Na) not been there to prod me, chances are high that I would have neglected my annual physicals and someone else would be writing these obituaries, with me among them. I am pleased to display this photo of my grandpa and good friend Mimi cat.



Mimi: Courtesy Na Li

³⁰ The doctor said he had noted a pattern whereby wives who loved their husbands urged them to get colonoscopies, whereas wives who wanted to be done with the old boy just stayed silent.

THE RICHARD BLAND GRAVESITE AT JORDANS POINT VIRGINIA

One of the first sustained projects undertaken by the Bland heritage Foundation after the National Reunion organized in 1999 was to open a fund for the maintenance and preservation of the Richard Bland Gravesite at Jordan's Point Virginia while the Virginia Legislature completed the work of establishing a Historical Landmarks Act that presumably would place responsibility for upkeep in the hands of the State. The Reunions of 1999 and 2000 raised a total of \$754. Toward maintenance of the site, which previously had been maintained by Cousins Bill and Vera Moore of Hopewell Virginia, from their own resources. From 1999-2004, the Bland Heritage Foundation reimbursed Bill and Vera for their expenses in maintaining the cemetery.

The patience and perseverance of the Bland Heritage Foundation and the endurance of Bill and Vera was rewarded this spring when ownership of the Bland Family cemetery was discovered. Permission was granted for the Frances Bland Randolph chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution to proceed with a plan for permanent preservation. A suitable Historical Marker has been approved by the Virginia Department of Historic resources. A sticking point over access to the cemetery through adjoining property is in process of resolution. Friends of Richard Bland College Library and the college itself are helping to defray financial costs. Providing plans are finalized, there is a tentative plan for dedication of the Grave Site on or about Richard Bland's birthday, October 26, 2005.³¹

LIBRARY PLACEMENTS OF VISION OF UNITY

I am pleased to announce the placement of A Vision of Unity: The Bland Family in England and America (1990) with the West Virginia Collection of the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library at Clarksburg West Virginia. The placement was a gift of Neil Bland of Lumberport West Virginia. I thank Cousin Neil for this generous contribution.

CORRECTIONS TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES BLAND OF DUPLIN AND CHATHAM COUNTIES NORTH CAROLINA

Cousin Bertha Dunn from Topeka Kansas, one of the best historians of this family, has sent the following corrections to information that appears between pp. 31-45 of Among Cousins, Volume 19/20.³² I am very grateful to have this kind of criticism and welcome the chance to display it below:

Page References are to Among Cousins, Volume 19/20:

³¹ Vera Moore to Charles L. Bland, May 23, 2005.

³² AC 19-20 pp. 21-66, esp. pp. 31-45. Bertha Dunn, Updates and Corrections to Among Cousins Vol. 19/20, 2001-2002.

Page 31 William Bland (C1787-after 1860)³³ William was born in Chatham County and was in Orange County Indiana, as early as 1819, where his son Joseph was born, and he was in Greene County Indiana as early as 1824, when he assisted his brother Thomas in escorting two men indicted for the first murders in the county.³⁴ William married Elizabeth McBain (C1789-after 1873) on January 2, 1813, with his brother Thomas Bland (C1789-1862) serving as bondsman. Elizabeth may be buried at Fairview Cemetery, a few miles west of Concordia, Cloud County Kansas.³⁵

Page 32, Photo. A photograph was displayed with the statement "The woman believed to be Elizabeth McBain courtesy of her descendant granddaughters." This is an error on my part, for which I apologize. The greater possibility is that it is Mary Gentry, (1839-1911) James O.D. Bland's second wife whom he married in 1860.³⁶ The photograph was sent to me in 1982 by Leota Bland Ruder, who labeled her Mary Gentry Bland (second wife of James O.D. Bland). There has been some dispute about this for the last decade at least. I am displaying the photo below and ask that anyone who knows her identity, let me know.

³³ VU, pp. 336-342.

³⁴ I was pleased to receive from T.C. Hulsey, Joseph Bland's enlistment papers, Wayne County, Iowa, July 26, 1862, and an inventory of his effects July 14, 1863, both indicating his place of birth as Orange County Indiana. Jack Baber, Early History of Greene County, p. 9.

³⁵ In AC 19-20, p. 31, I stated that Elizabeth Was buried in Mayview Cemetery in Mitchell County, but Bertha Dunn points out there is no Mayview Cemetery in Mitchell or any other county and suggests this information may have been transposed from Fairview Cemetery in Cloud County, where Elizabeth traveled with her son James O.D. Bland (1824-1908)

³⁶ AC 19/20 pp. 32, 47-48. The photograph displayed on page 32, was originally sent to me by Leota Ruder, clearly labeled Mary Gentry. It was included as an attachment in Volume 1-1 of Among Cousins. There is however, a photo of James O.D. Bland and Mary Gentry displayed on page 47. The woman displayed on page 32 does not bear a physical resemblance to the woman on page 47, leaving the question open, who is the woman on page 32? Leota Ruder thought she was Mary Gentry. Possibly. She is associated with James O.D. Bland and he married two women, Sarah Eirod and Mary Gentry. She could be either and in fact the woman on page 47 could be Mary Gentry.

WHO IS THIS WOMAN?



Page 33 (A) Aaron Bland (C1814- before 1870) ³⁷ may have been the unaccounted for male in the 1830 Household of William Bland and Elizabeth McBain. Aaron was living in Richland Township, Greene County Indiana in 1860. He was among the first school pupils to attend school in Highland. ³⁸ **On June 1, 1861, he was appointed postmaster in Bloomfield Indiana in Greene County.** Aaron married Lavina Bryant or Hunter,

³⁷ VU, P. 342. See Bertha Dunn to Charles L. Bland, June 15, 2002.

³⁸ Baber's Early History of Greene County Indiana (1875), pp. 44-47, indicates that "Kissie" Bland, Susannah and Cynthia Hunter and others were among the first to attend school in Highland.

(C1814 -) born in Kentucky, on December 23, 1834 in Highland township.³⁹ They had two children

Pages 34-35 James Thomas Bland (December 20, 1844 - September 27, 1918). A son of Joseph Bland (C1818-1863) By 1869, James was in Wayne County Iowa. By 1892, he was in Missouri and ended his days in Iowa. He married Roxie Ackley (April 28, 1849-February 17, 1903) on April 10, 1869 in Wayne County. Roxie was born in Ohio. Both are buried at the South Lawn Cemetery in Seymour Iowa. They had six children:

- (a) William Bland (C1870 -) born in Iowa
- (b) Jesse M. Bland (C1878 -) born in Iowa
- (c) Annie Bland (C1880 -) born in Iowa.
- (d) Della Bland (May 1885 -) born in Kansas.
- (e) Walter Bland (August 1886 -) born in Kansas
- (f) Ona or Oma (July 1892), born in Missouri.

Page 35 William T. Bland (April 4, 1847 - March 30, 1924). William died in Beloit Kansas of gastroenteritis. On March 6, 1873 at Bloomfield, Davis County Iowa, William married Amelia A. Killion (C1854-), born in Indiana. In 1880, William and Amelia were living in Walton, Rooks County Kansas with two children. William filed for a divorce from Amelia Killion on September 29, 1897, claiming she had abandoned him since November 10, 1895. By 1900 William was living with his brother Worthington in Beloit in Mitchell County Kansas.⁴⁰ William left Beloit after 1900, and moved to Newcastle Wyoming, probably residing with his brother Joseph Asbury Bland⁴¹. By October 20, 1909 he was back in Beloit and married the widow Susan E. _____ Kimsey, (C1848 - January 1, 1916), 1914).⁴² William and Amelia had a total of five children:

- (a) Otto C. Bland (January 28, 1875 - January 3, 1904). Born in Iowa. Otto fell from a telephone pole to his untimely death. He married Minnie Cline (C1878 -) on December 25, 1900.
- (b) Orin Pearl Bland (May 20, 1878 - September 14, 1920). Born in Iowa. Orin served in the Spanish American War as a corporal in Company D, 44th Infantry. He committed suicide in Seattle Washington. Orin Married Nettie Trumbull, (C1875 -) November 16, 1904. Photographs of Orin Pearl Bland, his wife Nettie Trumbull and their children, is displayed below.

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰ Per Bertha Dunn, Amelia remarried to John Meyers/Myers in Jewell County Kansas on May 9, 1902. Further information about William T. Bland appears in AC 7-2, pp. 18-20 and AC 9-1, pp. 36-38. Also invaluable are primary documents about William and the Blands in Mitchell County Kansas sent to me by T.C. Hulsey, April 11 and 14, 1989 and October 10, 1990.

⁴¹ AC 19-20, p. 37.

⁴² AC 7-2, p. 20.

-) November 16, 1904. Photographs of Orin Pearl Bland, his wife Nettie Trumbull and their children, is displayed below.
- (c) Ida M. Bland (March 1880 - after 1924) Born in Kansas. Ida married Clyde A. Novis (1879 -) on December 24, 1902. They had three children.
- (d) C.J. Bland (C1883 -) Born in Kansas.
- (e) Frank R. Bland, (May 30, 1887 - October 29, 1923). Born in Kansas and died in Beloit Kansas. T.C. Hulsey says that Frank R. Bland "got around a lot" and was married, but no one knows to whom. Frank died of convulsions following a nervous breakdown.

Page 37 Elizabeth Jane or Jenny Bland (June 8, 1854 - March 5, 1922). Elizabeth was born in Coles County Illinois. She married J.A. Reynolds in Wayne County Iowa, October 30, 1873. Poor Reynolds died soon after. Cousin Bertha Dunn disputes this, saying she found J.A. Reynolds, age 28, in Fullerton, Nance County Illinois, married to Ettie _____ with a son R.H. Reynolds, age 1. Bertha believes Elizabeth and J.A. Reynolds were divorced. In the 1880 Census for Wayne County Iowa, a Jenny Reynolds and her son Tony A. Reynolds (January 24, 1877 - May 27, 1975) were living with Joseph Asbury Bland, her brother or Sarah Bland, her mother Elizabeth, on October 9, 1890, married Thomas H. Griffis in Mitchell County Kansas.

Page 39 Henry Berlin Bland (August 8, 1848 - February 8, 1910). Henry was born in Greene County Indiana. About 1874, Henry married (1st) Mary E. Stogsdill (C1851-June 26, 1902), an Illinois woman on November 15, 1868. Henry and Mary were found in Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas in 1880, and by 1900, were in Harrison, Nemaha County Kansas. Mary is buried in the St. Joseph Missouri Cemetery.⁴³ Henry married (2nd) Malinda Booth (September 3, 1862 - April 12, 1912) in Jackson County Kansas on January 14, 1903. At the time, Henry was a resident of St. Joseph Missouri. Malinda died in Calvin Oklahoma.

Page 39 Martha Elizabeth Bland (March 8, 1851 - May 5, 1929), born in Coles County Illinois and died in Alta Vista Kansas. She married David Rolf (C1836 - March 21, 1922) in Wayne County Iowa, December 14, 1865.⁴⁴ This couple moved to Mitchell County Kansas by 1880. They were in Nemah County Kansas in 1888 and moved to Chapman in Dickenson County Kansas in the 1890s. They are buried at the Indian Hills Cemetery in Chapman Kansas. They had nine children.

⁴³ Bertha Dunn to Charles Bland, E-Mail, July 1, 2005, Bertha finds a second marriage date for this couple, September 13, 1872 in Owen County Indiana.

⁴⁴ This information about a "Mary" Bland, was found by Bertha Dunn in a Church of Latter Day Saints record, AC 1-1, p. 5.

Page 39 James L. Bland (C1854/1855 -1886) probably also born in Coles County was married to Marian R. "Nannie" Birdsall (C1861-1893) a girl from Illinois, in Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas, September 24, 1876. James and his wife were living in Mitchell County in 1885. James may have died in 1893 in an accident with his younger brother William G. Bland ⁴⁵. According to Cousin Bertha, James did not die with his brother. Rather, he died shortly after marrying Marian Birdsall and she married William G. Bland in Cloud County in 1887. James and Nannie had two children:

- (a) Louise Bland (C1878 -)
- (b) Charles Bland (C1880 -)

Page 39 Abner Edgar Bland (December 5, 1879 - March 28, 1948). Abner was a son of Noah Alexander Bland (October 9, 1856 - January 30, 1927) and Carrie Bailey (May 20, 1860 - February 11, 1940. Abner was born in Beloit Kansas and died at Santiago California. He married Mary White (1851 -). ⁴⁶

PP. 40-41 Arthur B. Bland (December 19, 1885 - February 3, 1951). Arthur was born in Kansas and died at Oklahoma City Oklahoma. He married Louise Ennis (1884-1951) on March 28, 1905 at Oklahoma City. The photograph of Arthur B. Bland gives his dates as (1885-1851) which is obviously an error.

Page 41 John R. Bland, (September 1858 – November 1, 1938) was born in Iowa, and was living with his parents in 1880. On October 20, 1879, John married at Mitchell County (Probably at Beloit) Kansas, Carrie Stella Mauldin, (July 1860 – September 30, 1945) and by 1885 they were living in Beloit, Mitchell County Kansas. John and Carrie are buried at the Fairview Cemetery in Colorado Springs. Shortly after they moved to Colorado Springs Colorado. A photograph of John R. Bland and Carrie Mauldin appears on page 42. John R. Bland and Carrie Mauldin had a daughter:

- (a) Minnie Bland (August 1882 - December 11, 1973) Minnie married Lee Becker (- March 25, 1931) on January 25, 1906.

Page 44 William G. Bland (C1867-1893) was born in Iowa and died accidentally with his brother James (see (4) above). According to Bertha Dunn, William married Marian "Nannie" Birdsall, (C1861 - 1893) a widow of his brother James L. Bland (see reference above)

⁴⁵ In 1893, in Mitchell County Kansas, Marian Bland filed for legal guardianship of their children Louise and Charles, as well as Jed W. Bland, a minor child of William G. Bland..

⁴⁶ The photograph on Page 40 carries the incorrect 1881 date. There is something curious and unresolved about this If they married in 1900 he would be 21 and she 49.

Page 45 Martha J. Bland (C1850-) was buried at Jewel County Kansas. She married (1st) _____ Reynolds. Her second husband was Tom Griffis. According to Cousin Bertha, none of this is so. Martha was not buried in the Jewell County Kansas cemetery; she did not marry either Mr Reynolds or Mr. Griffis. Poor old Martha.

At the end of this essay, I am pleased to display a portrait of Mary Elizabeth Bland (June 10, 1845 – May 6, 1923). Mary was the daughter of Robert Henry Bland (1817-1869) and his wife, Chloe Hodges (1816-1908). Robert was the grandson of James Bland (C1749-1799) of Duplin County North Carolina. married Columbus Jefferson Hunter (1841-1901), grandparents of Albert Sinclair Hunter. The photograph was provided by Al's wife Mildred Bower Hunter.



Mary Elizabeth Bland (1845-1923)

THE TENNESSEE SETTLEMENTS

In the span of my work in Bland Genealogy too little focused attention has been given to recognizing the form and development of family settlements in Tennessee. In fact, between about 1800-1850, Tennessee was teeming with Bland families who were arriving from or had roots in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and other eastern states. This is a beginning only. I am hopeful that my own research opportunity at the Tennessee Archives on July 14, 2005 and constructive criticism in the years ahead will leave us with a much deeper understanding of the shape and composition of these Tennessee Families.

As early as 1768 families were arriving in the northeast corner of Tennessee from the uplands of North Carolina, who by 1771 had banded together in the Watauga Association. In 1776, North Carolina accepted Watauga as Washington County, in effect, present day Tennessee and delivered the territory to the national government. After four years had passed without any recognition of Washington County, the settlers organized themselves into the state of Franklin. By 1790, Tennessee had divided into seven counties, which were vast entities that became the territory of later smaller counties as the larger entities divided: Sullivan, Washington, Hawkins, Greene, Sumner, Davidson and Tennessee. These counties evolved into the State of Tennessee admitted to the union in 1796. Because of the Blue Ridge Mountains, it was easier to come into Tennessee from Virginia, which in fact is a discernable pattern in the early settlements of Blands.

JOHN AND CHARLES BLAND, AMHERST COUNTY VIRGINIA AND THEOPHILUS BLAND, PITT COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA WHO MOVED TO CROCKETT, FAYETTE, GIBSON, HAYWOOD, RUTHERFORD AND SHELBY COUNTIES, TENNESSEE

JOHN AND CHARLES BLAND OF AMHERST COUNTY VIRGINIA

There was no more devoted historian of the Bland family than Francis Herbert Bland of Paragould Arkansas (August 25, 1918 – February 8, 2005).⁴⁷ Francis was born and died in Paragould Arkansas. He graduated from Hendrix college, and in his life time, went on to take up the Mellow Moon Bottling Company which was started by his father in 1926. The Mellow Moon company evolved into the Seven Up/R.C. Bottling Company. At the Bland Reunions, we knew him as Dr. Pepper. Fran's obituary celebrates his love

⁴⁷ This line was last summarized in full in AC 15-17, pp. 152-160. Primary researchers of this line include Herbert Francis Bland Jr. Paragould Arkansas, whose "Francis Bland Research" (July 1991), hereafter called FBR has been most useful. Martha Bland, Grand Junction Tennessee whose material was sent to me January 4, 1999 and is hereafter called MBF. Other contributors have been Marilieu Stanley, Dallas Texas and Neta Davis, Broken Bow Oklahoma. See previous information, AC 4-1, pp. 26-27, AC 5-2, pp. 19-22, AC 7-1, pp. 17-19, AC 7-2, p. 17, AC 9-2, pp. 36-37, AC 12-2, pp. 23-30, and AC 18, pp. 89-91.

of a favorite hobby, baseball, which I do not doubt.⁴⁸ But the obituary is silent about Fran's absolute love of family history and his tireless quest to discover his genealogical home. When I first met him, Fran believed that he was descended from the Blands who moved into Tennessee from Mecklenburg County Virginia (pp. 80-104). By 1991, Fran had discovered two brothers John and Charles Bland of Amherst County Virginia, and Jesse Bland (C1775-1833) who provided clear clues to his ancestry. Francis Bland can easily be said to be the preeminent historian of the family group. We last saw him at the Reunion of 1998 after which it was physically impossible for him to travel. Everyone who knows Fran was uplifted by his enthusiasm and good humor and we grieve his passing. I am pleased to display below a photograph of Francis Bland with his wife Winnie and also a photograph of Francis with Dr. Albert Sinclair Hunter, grandson of Sarah Elizabeth Bland, displayed on page 59. In the pages that follow about the Blands of Amherst and Mecklenburg Counties Virginia, behold Cousin Fran's handiwork.



L-Fran and Winnie; R. Fran with Albert S. Hunter

⁴⁸ Tommy Haynes, "Francis Bland dies at age of 86" Paragould Daily Press, February 9, 2005.

Like the Blands of Mecklenburg County Virginia, the family from Amherst County formed from Albemarle County in 1761 and situated in the western part of the state, stands apart and thus far has eluded connection with the larger family. The earliest known settlers in the county were John and Charles Bland, apparently brothers.

VIRGINIA ORIGINS: JOHN AND CHARLES BLAND John Bland must have been born not later than 1745, for he had a land survey completed on both sides of the Pedlar River in Amherst County Virginia on November 7, 1766. Jesse Bland, noted below, in 1808, purchased land on the Pedlar River. John and his brother (apparently) Charles surveyed property in Amherst County at about the same time May 7, 1767. John acted as security for a mortgage on July 29, 1772 suggesting that John and Charles were immigrants from England.⁴⁹

1. **JESSE BLAND** (C1775 - 1833) Jesse could be a son of either John or Charles above. He married Sally Newman on May 11, 1801, in Amherst County Virginia. Jesse and Sally bought some 605 acres in Amherst County between 1803-1811.⁵⁰ They sold 394 acres of land in 1808-1809 and sold 228 acres on September 12, 1815. Subsequently Jesse and Sally they disappear from the records of the county, to reappear in Gibson County Tennessee, in June 1833, where they sell 200 acres to Daniel Cherry. Sarah Bland appears in a lawsuit in Rutherford County Tennessee May 16, 1842, in which Jesse, William and Eleanor Bland grant power of attorney to Cornelius Bland "our brother" to dispose of the residuals in the will of John Newman that were to benefit, Sarah Newman Bland "our mother."⁵¹

A. **JOHN BLAND** (C1803 – September 1856)⁵² a Baptist Minister who was born in Amherst County Virginia and died at Cageville (now Alamo) in Haywood County Tennessee. John married Elizabeth _____ (C1804-1857), also from Virginia about 1825. John was in Rutherford County Tennessee by 1820. He was in Gibson County in 1830 but about 1845 moved to Haywood County where he and Elizabeth were.

⁴⁹ AC 12-2, pp. 23-24.

⁵⁰ Francis Bland research, p. 2.

⁵¹ AC 7-1, p. 18, In his will Newman mentioned Sarah as well as sons Lorenzo, John and Allen as well as daughter Elizabeth Newman Pinkard. On August 30, 1842, John Bland (1803-1856) of Rutherford County, sold a slave woman named Caroline to Lorenzo Newman and Cornelius Bland. Subsequently, Cornelius Bland bought Caroline outright for \$150, then resold her for \$5 on September 6, 1842 to Joseph Newman, who was Cornelius' security for a debt of \$115 that Cornelius owed Lorenzo Newman. Cornelius retained his entitlement to Caroline by discharging his debt to Lorenzo Newman. Ultimately, on October 9, 1845, Lorenzo Newman sold a slave man named Henry for \$500. And used part of the proceeds to buy poor Caroline from Cornelius Bland. Apart from the sad commentary of our ancestor's traffic in human beings as commodities of exchange, this establishes a very strong relationship between the Blands and Newmans. Notably also, John Bland (C1804-1856) leaves his "negro woman Martha and her child" to his wife except if Elizabeth should remarry, in which case Martha was to be sold to the highest bidder. Francis Bland research, will of John Bland July 8, 1856.

⁵² An Amherst County Court Record, September 1812, identifies "John Bland, an infant by Jesse Bland, his father and next friend" Francis Bland, p. 2.

enumerated at dwelling 625 in the 1850 Census and where they died a few years later. Their children were:

(1) Susan Bland (C1822-) married _____ Hargett, but was widowed by 1850, when she was enumerated with her parents.⁵³

(2) Calvin Bland (1826/August 1827 – 1900/1910)⁵⁴ listed as “crippled” Calvin Married M.E. or Armanda _____ (July 1833 -) and they had two daughters:

(a) M.E. Bland (C1853-)

(b) M.F. Bland (C1855-)

(3) Eliza Bland (C1828 – May 14, 1900) married to Thomas Layman (- January 11, 1886) in Gibson County Tennessee on January 6, 1848. Thomas is buried at the Alamo Cemetery in Crockett County Tennessee.⁵⁵

(4) Mary Bland (C1830-) Mary married _____ Brown.

(5) Charles N. Bland (January, 1835 - 1900) Charles was probably born in Gibson County Tennessee. He married (1st) Elizabeth Lewis Beard or Baird (1836-) on January 20 or 30, 1860 in Haywood County Tennessee.⁵⁶ Elizabeth was a widow with two children, Elizabeth (1853-) and Mary (1857-) by her former marriage. Charles married (2nd) P. Farrow and (3rd) Fanny White on February 16, 1897 in Crockett County Tennessee. Following Charles' death, Fanny married W.B. Lea in 1901.⁵⁷ Charles N. Bland and Elizabeth Beard had a family of six children:

(a) John Charles Bland (1861-1893) who married Louisa Lewis (1860-1898) on August 23, 1882 at Crockett County Tennessee⁵⁸ and eventually moved with her to Greene County Arkansas where they had a family of four children including:

1. Elnora Bland

⁵³ Susan Hargett was living with John Bland in 1850, but is not listed as a child by Francis Bland. The gap between her age and the first child that Francis Bland does list (2) Calvin Bland, suggests that my rendering may not be correct. I would welcome correction about this. Further, Francis Bland argued that John and Elizabeth got married about 1825, a year before Calvin's birth and supposedly when John was about 21. To accept the idea that Susan Hargett was a daughter of John, one would need to argue that that John and Elizabeth were married in 1820 at about age 16-17, not impossible of course, but unlikely. Or Susan was born three years before John and Elizabeth were married, another unlikely event.

⁵⁴ Calvin is noted as 24 in the 1850 census and was paying taxes by 1847, but is shown as born August 1827 elsewhere. Francis Bland Material p. 4.

⁵⁵ Eliza is sometimes spoken of as Elizabeth but in his will John Bland called her Eliza, and also specifically mentioned his daughter Elizabeth (C1851 -)

⁵⁶ Notwithstanding the place of their marriage, in the 1860 census, they were living in Madison County.

⁵⁷ AC 12-2, p. 26; Fanny remarried to W.B. Lea in 1901, suggesting that Charles N. Bland died in 1900.

⁵⁸ Crockett was formed in 1872 from Haywood, Madison, Gibson and Dyer Counties.

2. Mae Bland
3. Estella Bland (died in childbirth)
4. Herbert Francis Bland (September 3, 1890 - 1955) who married Lydia Alvinah Poppe (December 4, 1895 -1972) in 1916 in Paragould, Greene County Arkansas. They were parents of my correspondent the late Herbert Francis Bland Jr. See pages 60-61.
- (b) Paralee Bland (1866-)
- (c) William Bland (1868-) William married Jennie Webb in Tennessee on June 1, 1890.
- (d) Sarah Bland (1872-)
- (e) Robert Bland (1877 -)
- (f) Alice Bland (1879-)

Charles N. Bland and his third wife Fanny White had two children:

- (g) Joseph Bland
- (h) Fulton Bland (April 1900 -)

(6) William Leniard Bland (C1838-) William was born in Gibson County Tennessee.⁵⁹

(7) Sophronia Bland (C1840-) Sophronia married James B. Hughes on December 27, 1856.

(8) Amanda Melvina Bland (C1846-) Amanda married C.E. Petty on July 25, 1883.

(9) Elizabeth Bland (C1851-)

B. CHARLES BLAND (1804-) was born in Virginia. Charles was living with his wife Nancy Cates (1802-) who was born in North Carolina, whom he married in Rutherford County Tennessee on July 25 or August 4, 1825. The 1850 Census shows Charles and Nancy living at dwelling 642 in Haywood County with the following family:

(1) Joshua Bland (C1826-1883) Joshua was born in Rutherford County Tennessee and died in Lyons County Kentucky. He married Mary Ann Scott in Caldwell County Kentucky, November 18, 1847.⁶⁰ Their children were:

⁵⁹ William's middle name is spelled as it appears in his father's will.

⁶⁰ Francis Bland Research, Letter from Francis Bland to Edward Jones, March 9, 1991. Francis' work in linking Joshua Bland to Charles Bland solved a long standing riddle by the late Mr. Jones of Edwardsville Illinois, who had never been able to discover the parents of Joshua Bland, AC 12-2, p. 27.

(a) James Scott Bland (November 17, 1848 – March 11, 1914) who died in Trigg County Kentucky, married Martha E. Choat Capps (1857-1934).

(b) Alexander Bland (1851 – Living in 1900) married Lenora _____ about 1874. They had two sons.

(c) Frances Jeanette Bland (1854-)

(d) David Bland (C1857-)

(e) Albert Bland (C1862-)

(f) Mary Edna Bland (C1864-)

(2) Solomon Bland (C1828 -)⁶¹ Solomon paid taxes in Haywood County in 1853. He served in the CSA, 23rd Infantry Regiment for Tennessee. Solomon left Haywood County about 1854, going to Rutherford County where he married Nancy _____ (C1836-) by whom he had two children:

(a) M.E. Bland (C1857-) a daughter.

(b) J.A. Bland (C1859-) a son.

(3) Allen Bland (1829-) Allen served in the CSA, Company B, 9th Infantry Regiment for Tennessee.

(4) Sarah Bland (1833-)

(5) Lorenzo D. Bland (C1836- after 1900) Lorenzo is found in the 1900 census for Gibson County Tennessee

(6) Catherine Bland (C1836-) Lorenzo and Catherine may have been twins, or poor Nancy Cates was due overtime.

(7) Bailey Bland (C1838-)

(8) Racheal Bland (C1839-)

(9) Mary Bland (C1841-)

(10) Elizabeth Bland (C1843-)

(11) Susan Bland (C1844-)

(12) Martha Bland (C1845-)

⁶¹ Solomon's age is given as 32 in both the 1850 and 1860 census. Francis Bland Research p. 3 and AC 12-2, p. 28.

(13) Fanny Bland (C1846-)

C. ELIZABETH BLAND (C1808 -) a possible sister of John and Charles Bland, married Burrus Ripplettoe in Rutherford County on July 16, 1825. In the 1860 Census for Shelby County, Mary T. Ripatoe (1838-) appears in the household of Addison Bland (1827-) a son of Elizabeth's brother Cornelius.⁶²

D. CORNELIUS BLAND (C1800/1810 -) Cornelius Bland, who is linked by evidence as the son of Jesse Bland, was in Fayette County Tennessee, adjacent to Shelby County, from which it was formed in 1824. In 1830, the Fayette County census has Cornelius, age 40/50 with one female 20/30; one male 20/30; one male 15/20; one male and one female 10/15; one male 5/10 and one male <5. The 1840 Census of Shelby County Tennessee shows him born between 1800-1810. A Cornelius Bland is shown as being born in Virginia, per the 1880 census, when he was living in the household of Addison Bland, but it is problematic that this is the man born C1800. Children of Cornelius Bland include:⁶³

(1) Daniel Bland (C1826 – June 3, 1905) In the 1850 census for Shelby County Tennessee, Daniel was living with his brother Addison Bland in dwelling 359.⁶⁴ Daniel was born in Shelby County, Tennessee and died “West at Cane” in Washington County Arkansas, from which Benton County was formed in 1836. In the 1850 Census, he was living with his brother Addison. In the 1900 Census, Daniel was found in Oklahoma. Daniel married Lucinda Peel, (C1831-) about 1853 in Shelby County Tennessee. Their children were:⁶⁵

(a) M.E. Bland, Phonetic Emmy a female (C1854-) who was gone from her parents home in 1880. It is possible that she is the M.E. Bland that married W. A. Campbell on November 9, 1876. Campbell was bondsman for the marriage of Thomas M. Bland, a cousin, son of Addison Bland, and Mary A. Jeter noted below. Thomas was also bondsman for Campbell's marriage to M.E. Bland.⁶⁶

(b) Virginia Elizabeth Bland (C1856 -) born in Tennessee and died in Sand Springs Oklahoma. Virginia married William Ellis.

(c) Charles W. Bland (January 17, 1860 – September 24, 1905) Charles married Molly Hartley about 1882. Their children were:

⁶² Martha Bland File.

⁶³ Information about Cornelius Bland (C1800-1850) is found in Francis Bland Research, p. 3, MBF and Charles Bernhardt Bland Jr. Miscellaneous Genealogical Information hereafter CBB. Elizabeth Bland, noted in MBF as a possible widow of Cornelius Bland, suggested by “Mrs. Seigler”, but this is at odds with Cornelius living in 1880.

⁶⁴ Daniel was listed as age 20.

⁶⁵ See AC 9-2, pp. 36-37, new information provide by Neta Davis in a letter to Charles L. Bland, April 27, 1991.

⁶⁶ CBB.

1. Lucy E. Bland (1885-1915) born in Arkansas and died in Hot Springs South Dakota. Lucy married Lewis E, Lincoln in Oklahoma.
2. Daniel Patrick Elton Bland (1886-1958) Daniel was born in Arkansas and died in Stroud, Lincoln County Oklahoma. Daniel married Dottie Stipp in 1911.
3. William Henry Bland (1891-) was born in Arkansas and died in Tulsa Oklahoma. He married Loy Fay Hyder of Black Dog in Osage County Oklahoma. Fay was a step-daughter of Charles W. Bland's brother Lewis C. Bland (1867-1915 (e) below)
4. Rosanna Bland (1892-) died at Stroud Oklahoma. She married George Hicks of Oklahoma.
5. Kate Minerva Bland (1895-1926) was born in Arkansas and died in Bartlesville Oklahoma, she married a native American Billy Hoxie from Lincoln County Oklahoma.
6. Dewey Edward Bland (June 1898 – May 3, 1923) Dewey was the father of my correspondent Marilieu Bland Stanley. Dewey was born and died in Oklahoma, struck by lightning in Bartlesville. He married Mattie Evelyn Brown.⁶⁷
7. Gertrude Bland (1905-1980) born in Stroud Oklahoma, died in Miami Oklahoma. Gertrude married a Native American named Frank Labadie.

(d) Franklin Addison Bland (June 30, 1863 - April 13, 1931) was born in Tennessee and died in Tahlequah Oklahoma. Frank married Mary Elizabeth Reed (-1953). Their children were:

1. Hugh Bland (1896-1963) of Fort Smith Arkansas, who married Ann Johnson Brundige of Alabama (1902-1978)
2. Eva Bland (1898-1966) of Tahlequah Oklahoma, who married Cliff Abercrombie.

(e) Lewis Calvin Bland (March 1, 1867 – 1915) Lewis married Eliza Jane Graham and their children were:

1. Louise Bland, who was the mother of my correspondent Neta Davis.
2. Grover C Bland

⁶⁷ Mattie Evelyn Brown's mother was Mattie Evelyn Bland (1879-1929), born in Mississippi, who married James Alonzo Brown. Mattie's mother's line is unknown, but she was from Georgia, and her husband James Bland was from South Carolina. Mattie Bland's siblings were: James Bland (C1873-) born in Garvin County Oklahoma and died in Holderman Oklahoma; Anderson Bland (1878-) also of Garvin County but born in Texas; Ross; Charles; Molly, who was kidnapped explaining why Anderson was born in Texas and Mattie was born the next year in Mississippi, and Frances, who married Ben Duckworth.

3. Daniel Sebron Bland

(f) Virginia Bland (C1870 -) born in Shelby County Tennessee.

(2) Addison W. Bland (1827-) Addison was born in Tennessee. He was living with his wife in dwelling 359 in the 1850 census. He married Elizabeth W. Massey (c1825 - October 31, 1874) on December 13, 1848.⁶⁸ Addison and Elizabeth are buried at the Shelby Forest Baptist Church Cemetery at Locke Tennessee.⁶⁹ Their children were:

(a) Cornelius Bland (C1847 - died young)

(b) Thomas M. Bland (C1849-1908) Thomas married Mary Ann "Mollie" Jeter (1851-1922) on April 4, 1877. They are buried at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Cemetery in Memphis Tennessee Their children, all of them buried at the Mount Vernon Cemetery except Williford Daniel Bland, were:

1. Charles Bascom Bland (1878-1938) married Josephine Ferguson of Pine Bluff Arkansas (- 1914). Josephine died in Shreveport Louisiana. They had three children.⁷⁰

2. Addison Jeremiah Bland (1880-1926)

3. Lottie Bland (1887-1892)

4. Lucy Beckner Bland (1884-1939) married George Pease of Gunnison Mississippi.

5. Williford Daniel Bland, married Ruby Pennington

(c) F.E. phonetic "Effie" Bland (C1854-) shown as F.E. in the 1860 Census. She is no longer enumerated with Addison Bland by the 1870 census.

(d) Madora Bland (c1856-)

(f) Annie Bland (C1859-)

(f) Moses Denman Bland (C1868 -after 1880)⁷¹

⁶⁸ For what it's worth Gottschalk, whose history os primarily concerned with the Pitt County North Carolina Blands who moved to Shelby County Tennessee, finds John Bland married to Elizabeth Massey in 1848 in Shelby County. In Martha Bland File, Records of Shelby Forest Baptist Church, find Elizabeth M. Bland wife of A.W. Bland, died October 31, 1874 age 49. This would set her birth at 1825 and seems to supersede census records which place her date of birth as 1828.

⁶⁹ Tennessee Gravestone Inscriptions, Vol 1, Shelby County. Cited in CBB

⁷⁰ These included Charles Bernhardt Bland (1912-1973) who married Mary Elizabeth Coleman, whose son Charles Bernhardt Bland Jr. married my correspondent Martha Ann Kenny Bland, of Grand Junction Tennessee. CBB

⁷¹ Moses is enumerated in the 1880 census as a half-brother of Addison. But if Elizabeth Massey died in 1874, she must be Moses' mother as well as Thomas'. A woman named Martha E. Bland (1841 -) lives in the household enumerated as a "Housekeeper, born in Tennessee.

(3) Elizabeth Bland (c1830 -) Married John W. Jones, November 16, 1847. Daniel M. Bland (1826-1905) was surety in this marriage.⁷²

(4) Sarah Bland (C1833 -)

(5) Martha Bland (C1838 -) Martha was found in the 1850 census living with Johiel Jones in dwelling 368, very close to other members of this family. Martha married James Peel.⁷³

Daniel and Sarah Bland (1&4 above) appear in the household of Addison Bland and Elizabeth Massey in the 1850 Census while Martha Bland (5) appears in the household of John Jones and Elizabeth Bland. To me this suggests that Cornelius Bland has died by 1850, along with his wife, and that these younger siblings Sarah and Martha are in the home of his adult children.

E. JESSE BLAND Jesse, William and Eleanora below, last appear in Gibson County records in 1842.

F. WILLIAM BLAND (- October 7, 1844) with Cornelius Bland as executor in this William's estate, the simple conclusion is that he is the William Bland mentioned as a child of Jesse Bland (1775-1833), so Cornelius' brother.⁷⁴

G. ELEANORA BLAND

Addendum

I. William Bland (C1805 -) appears in the Shelby County Tennessee Census for 1840, aged 30-39. In 1850, William is enumerated as a farmer aged 45, importantly born in North Carolina, with a wife Zebby ____ (C1802-) actually Esuba, as noted in his inventory of 1855. Eusba was also born in North Carolina.⁷⁵

⁷² The 1850 Census for Shelby County places Martha Bland (1838-) in the household of Johiel Jones (1816-) formerly of Alabama.

⁷³ Note Posted to Genealogy Forum, June 27, 1999, by Martha Bland, Grand Junction Tennessee.

⁷⁴ Shelby County Tennessee, Bond of Cornelius Bland for William Bland, October 7, 1844, MBF

⁷⁵ Genforum posting by Martha Ann Bland April 21, 1998, identifies William (C1805-1855) and makes him parent of the children I believe to be Cornelius Bland's (D above). Information is contradictory. Martha Bland file shows A Shelby County Tennessee death record of October 7, 1844 for William with brother Cornelius as Administrator of his estate and an inventory for another William Bland, June 20, 1855, MBF. Elsewhere in MBF, Martha Bland quotes "Mrs. Seigler" who "believes that Cornelius Bland had a son named William, who was Addison W. Bland's father. She has no documentation toward proving this theory." One construction, suggested in Genforum Posting by Martha Bland, July 4, 1998, is that the Fayette and Shelby County Cornelius Blands were different and that the older Cornelius in Fayette County had the son William Bland, (C1805-1855) who was father to the children I assign above to Cornelius. William (1805-1855) would be the approximate ages of John Bland (C1804 - 1856) and Charles Bland (C1804 -) above.

It is important to note that this William Bland (C1805- June 20, 1855) was not a member of the Shelby County Tennessee family of Cornelius, John and Charles Bland, who moved to Tennessee from Amherst County Virginia. It is incorrect for example to link him to Addison Bland (C1827 -). Most important, he and his wife were born in North Carolina and, while no positive identification has been found, it would be much more likely that they are part of the family that migrated from Pitt County North Carolina which includes the family of Theophilus Bland (1768-1832) displayed below. Children of William and Eusba, all born in Tennessee, are:

1. John Bland (C1833-)
2. Joannah Bland (C1841-)
3. Louise or Louisa Bland (C1847 -)
2. Shelby County's census for 1850 includes a boatman, J.L. Bland (C1815 -) of unknown origin, residing at the Shelby County jail. The census taker simply scrawled "larceny" across the space for occupation.⁷⁶

THEOPHILUS BLAND FROM PITT COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

The picture in Shelby County Tennessee is complicated by the presence of a second large family of Blands who moved into the county from Pitt County North Carolina. The founder of the family is George Bland (C1734-1797) and Prudence Tison, who had three sons, of whom the youngest is:

1. **THEOPHILUS BLAND** (April 14, 1768 - July 4, 1832),⁷⁷ who about 1790/1795 married Sarah Joiner (C1770 - 1840).⁷⁸ Theophilus and Sarah moved to Shelby County Tennessee, between 1825/1830 and were enumerated in the 1830 census. They were accompanied by five sons who had married women from Pitt County. Theophilus and Sarah lived out their life in Shelby County Tennessee and Theophilus is buried at the Bland cemetery in Bartlett, Shelby County Tennessee.⁷⁹ Their children were:⁸⁰

⁷⁶ The Shelby County Tennessee jail gained notoriety about 15 years ago as the temporary site of the cannibalistic psychiatrist Hannibal Lector, who escaped after only a few days incarceration.

⁷⁷ Precise dates are supplied from Marion Graves of Memphis Tennessee from the Family Bible record of Sylvia Bland Montgomery, which is cited in AC 3-2, pp. 40-42. Watkins also cites Shelby County Tennessee Minute Book 1830-1833, P. 389, which states "TB died."

⁷⁸ Descendants, P. 6.

⁷⁹ Bernice Taylor Cargill and Brenda Bethea Connelly Ed., (Memphis Tennessee 1989), hereafter referred to as Cargill and Connelly, states that the Bland cemetery is off the Kate Bond Road on Deerfield Trace. Descendants p. 7.

⁸⁰ Information about Theophilus Bland, Sarah Joiner and their family is enhanced by an uncredited genealogy of Theophilus Bland that appears in Fisher File. Also, cf, E-Mail, Jimmy Pardue to Charles L.

A. JOHN BLAND JR. (C1796/1798 – after 1864). John was born in Pitt County and died in Mexico. John, who seems to have had as many wives as Blue Beard married (1st) Virginia Jane Moore (C1801 - 1831) in Pitt County on December 19 or 21, 1821, (Jane and Betsy Ann Moore, wife of Levin Bland, (C below) were sisters, daughters of Obediah Moore). John moved to Shelby County Tennessee about 1828-1830. He married (2nd) Virginia Short about 1833 in Shelby County Tennessee. John married (3rd) Nancy Choate Wheeler on July 5 or 7, 1836 in Shelby County Tennessee. John married (4th) Victoria _____ about 1847 and moved to California. John may then have moved to Texas where he married (5th) Isabella Coombs (October 13, 1826 – September 29, 1915).⁸¹ From Texas, John evidently went to New Orleans and from there returned to California. Later in his life, he moved to Mexico, where he died by drowning (no word whether Isabella may have held his head under the water). John's children with Virginia Jane Moore were:

- (1) Jacqueline Ann Bland (C1823 – July 10, 1907) was born in Pitt County North Carolina and died in San Francisco California. She married (1st) Samuel Pike Hall (1815-1860) on October 13, 1841 in Marshall, Harrison County Texas. They had seven children. Jacqueline married (2nd) Albert A. Moore on January 7, 1871.
- (2) John Bland⁸² (C1828-) John was born in Pitt County. He went to California with his father. As late as 1880, unmarried, John was living with his step-mother Isabella Coombs and Step Father Marcus Jackson in San Jose California.

Bland, March 21, 1999.

⁸¹ Descendants p. 18-25, states that John moved from Tennessee to Harrison County Texas and then to Santa Clara County California. He was on a ship manifest at San Francisco from New Orleans on March 28, 1849. Finally he moved to Mexico about 1864. While there he drowned and his hat was returned to Isabella, his last wife. Isabella subsequently moved her remaining family to California, where she remarried to Marcus Jackson. On February 22, 1834, John purchased a Negro boy from the estate of his father, for \$376. I am repeating a note from AC 15-17, though the evidence of five wives noted in the new evidence, hardly makes it possible that John could have packed in three more. Known as John Jr. because of his uncle John (1762-1823), John probably moved to Shelby County with his brothers. Gottschalk, pp. 26, 39. Theophilus' family is discussed in Gottschalk, pp. 32-45 passim. It is possible that this is the same Jonathan N. Bland, ancestor of Mary Gilliam Gatlin of Fayetteville Tennessee, who was born in North Carolina, went to Virginia and thence to Tennessee, who died in Texas while visiting a son, William Perry Bland. Jonathan married Lucy Ann Tuley, a Tennessee woman, and by her had: 1. James H. Bland, a minute man in the Civil War who died in Virginia; 2. Jonathan Frank Bland; 3. Eli Alexander Bland. John Bland, 1796/1798 may also have married Elizabeth Massey in Shelby County Tennessee in 1848. AC 3-2, pp. 41-42 and 4-1, pp. 27-28.

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

⁸² Though the link is unproven, there is a record of a Civil War soldier, John A. Bland (C1822-) who was born in Craven County and enlisted January 20, 1862 with CSA First Company H, 40th Regiment, North Carolina Troops. He died February 20, 1862 of disease. AC 1-1, Attachment 6.

- (3) Stewart Bland (C1830 -)
- (4) Richard Bland (C1831 – after 1852) Richard went to California with his father. He was still living in Santa Clara County California as late as 1852.

Children of John Bland and Nancy Choate Wheeler are:

- (5) William Augustus Bland (C1836 – after 1901) noted in 1857, as a minor child of John Bland and Nancy Choate Wheeler, William married Sarah _____ (C1836-) from Ireland, about 1859. William was living in San Luis, Obispo County California as late as March 23, 1901.
- (6) Victoria Bland, (C1841-) Noted in 1857 as a minor child of John Bland and Nancy Choate Wheeler.
- (7) Theophilus Bland, (c1841-) born in Texas. John was noted in 1857 as a minor child of John Bland and Nancy Choate Wheeler.

Children of John Bland and Victoria____ are:

- (8) Charles Isaac Bland (C1848-1885) Charles was born in Texas. He was the sheriff of Los Angeles County from 1872 to 1884 but was in Maricopa County Arizona by May 31, 1884 and died at Prescott, Yavapai County Arizona.
- (9) Nettie Bland (C1849-) Nettie died aboard ship on the way to California with her father, so she died as an infant.

Children of John Bland and Isabella Coombs are:

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

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

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

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

(14) Jefferson Bland (C1862-after 1880)

B. ELY, ELLIE, ELVANA OR ELVY BLAND (C1796/1797 – After 1851) married Robert Knox (January 16, 1781 – January 29, 1851) on November 16, 1815 in Pitt County. Ellie and Robert evidently went to Jonesville, Harrison County Texas about 1843. Ellie and Robert are buried at the Concord Cemetery in Harrison County. They had ten children.⁸³

C. LEVIN BLAND (August 20, 1798 – January 1849) Levin was born in Pitt County and died in St. Francis County Arkansas. Levin married Elizabeth "Betsy" Ann Moore, on January 29, 1824 in Pitt County, a sister of Jane Moore, wife of John Bland (A above).⁸⁴ Levin and Elizabeth moved to Shelby County Tennessee about 1830.⁸⁵ and from thence in 1848 to St. Francis County Arkansas, just across the border from Shelby County Tennessee and lived out their lives there. Their children were:

(1) Benjamin Franklin Bland (C1824-1861/1865). Benjamin was born in Pitt County North Carolina and died in Arkansas. He had land in Woodruff County Arkansas as early as 1850. Benjamin served as a corporal in the Arkansas First Mounted Rifles, CSA, and was discharged August 20, 1861. He married Lucy L. Lurry in 1843.⁸⁶

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

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

(4) James T. Bland (February 2, 1829 - January 5, 1869). James, born in Pitt County North Carolina, was a well to do farmer and slave-holder. He did not enlist in the Civil War but helped the wives of soldiers who did. He was

⁸³ Descendants, pp. 25-27, 76ff.

⁸⁴ Gottschalk, p. 39, shows Elizabeth Bland marrying J. Jones November 18, 1847 in Shelby County Tennessee, with Jane M. Bland, probably Jane Moore Bland, (wife of John Bland) as security. This would suggest that Levin died in 1847 and Elizabeth remarried quickly.

⁸⁵ Gottschalk, p. 29, 33-34, shows Levin purchasing from Theophilus (probably his father) and John Bland (his brother), in 1823, land that he resold in 1826, which may have liquidated his property in Pitt County preliminary to his move to Tennessee. Children were born to Levin in Pitt County as late as February 1829. George Bland shows that Levin had land in Shelby County Tennessee that was surveyed on April 7, 1830. He last speaks in Shelby County Records in November 17, 1848 and on January 1850, a mortality schedule in St. Francis County Arkansas shows he died of a inflammation of the brain. Elizabeth Bland remarried to J. Jonas, November 18, 1847, with her sister Jane Moore Bland serving as security.

⁸⁶ Gottschalk, p. 39. Benjamin's landholdings appear in Descendants, P. 16. George Bland also has a latter date of death than earlier established hence it appears here as 1861/1865.

"murdered" by the occupation government, on orders of Governor Powell Clayton, during the Reconstruction period at Woodruff County Arkansas, which was carved from St. Francis Arkansas in 1862. James was married twice, (1st) to Emily J. Snow (January 12, 1833 - June 10, 1858), whom he married January 5, 1854. Juxtaposition of dates with the birth of their second child suggests that Emily died from complications of childbirth. Their children were:

(a) Lee Ander Bland (December 18, 1854 or 1855 - January 4, 1941). Born in Arkansas, Lee Ander is buried at Mounds Oklahoma. On October 20, 1876, Lee Ander married Cornelia Frances Helm (September 16, 1859 - December 14, 1910) at Lacrosse, Izard County Arkansas. Cornelia is buried at Melbourne Arkansas. Lee Ander Bland and Cornelia Helm had a family of thirteen children.⁸⁷

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

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

(c) Oliver Perry Bland (March 15, 1860 - July 20, 1930). Oliver died in Shelby Mississippi. He was a merchant, investor and railroad man. Oliver moved around a great deal and married Eleanor Adeline Reily at East Feliciana Parish, Wilson Louisiana, on December 8, 1897.⁸⁸

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

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

(6) Levin Bland (1833-1852)

(7) John Bland (1835 - April 1, 1864) John was a Captain in Company D, 32nd Arkansas Infantry, CSA. John was a Company Commander of conscripts and deserters. He was severely wounded in his arm at the Battle of Helena on July 4, 1863. He was killed in action at the Battle of Fitzhugh Woods Farm, Woodruff County Arkansas.⁸⁹

(8) Lucy Bland (1840-1862)

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

⁸⁷ The children are detailed in AC 8-1, pp. 25-26. CF Watkins, who was descended from Lee Ander's daughter Mary Julia.

⁸⁸ Oliver and Adeline had three children, including Mabel Olivia Bland (1898-1981), mother of my correspondent Joseph Love, Jacksonville Florida, AC 6-2, pp. 7-8.

⁸⁹ For John's military service, see Descendants, pp. 17-18.

(10) Lafayette Bland (1846/1847 -) Lafayette was a Private in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry. He enlisted at age 16 April 30, 1862, and was discharged July 17, 1862.⁹⁰

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

E. HYLAND BLAND (1805/1806 - April 13, 1851),⁹¹ was born in Pitt County. He moved with his parents to Shelby County Tennessee.⁹² Hyland married Sarah Moyer (C1807/1812 - after 1860) on July 27, 1826, probably in Pitt County North Carolina. Their children were:

(1) Wyatt Bland (C1835- living in 1860) According to one source, Wyatt married Elizabeth A. Minnick or Minnich.⁹³

(2) Jessie Lawrence "Tobe" Bland (February 12, 1838 - July 11, 1924). Jesse was born and died in Shelby County Tennessee and was buried at the Bland Cemetery in Bartlett. He married "Mattie I." Seward Marks (September 26, 1844 - January 30, 1917).⁹⁴ They had three children:

(a) ___ Bland who married Thomas Ervin Coulter.

(b) Gertrude Bland who married ___ Locke.

(c) Maude Bland, who married ___ Jeffries

(3) Sarah Jane Bland (1845/1846 - April 2, 1934) Sarah was born and died in Shelby County Tennessee. She married (1st) John Henry Kuhl and (2nd) Johnson "Jack" Reece on September 14, 1865 in Shelby County Tennessee.⁹⁵

⁹⁰ Descendants, P. 18.

⁹¹ Descendants pp. 29ff.

⁹² Hyland's date of death is established by Laverne Suber Taylor, posting in Genealogy Forum, January 16, 1999. Laverne never established contact with me. Laverne further asserts that Hyland's name was Highland and that he married Sallie Bell, who later married John Henry Kuhl and died in 1934. She is buried at the Bland cemetery in Shelby County Tennessee. Similar information comes from Kay Surber Pardue in Genealogy Forum March 16, 1999. These correspondents seem to be confusing "Sallie Bell" with Sarah Bland, (1845-1934) daughter of Hyland, who married N.D. or Johnson Reece and later married John Henry Kuhl. Bland Cemetery, Shelby County Tennessee, provides this information. Supplied by Harris.

⁹³ Ibid.

⁹⁴ Letter Edith Sanford Bland to Charles L. Bland, October 1, 1998, hereafter in notes referred to as Sanford. The Bland Cemetery in Shelby County Tennessee is south of Highway 64 on land owned in 1970 by Mrs. Thomas Ervin Coulter (1878-) a daughter of Jessie Lawrence Bland and Martha I. Seward Marks. Information supplied by Harris. Cf. George Bland, p. 31.

⁹⁵ E-Mail, Jimmy Pardue to Charles L. Bland, March 21, 1999.

(4) Levin Bland (C1848- living in 1860)

The disparity between the ages of Wyatt and Jessie and the latter two children suggests that Sarah was Hyland Bland's second wife and that he was previously married to a daughter of Wyatt Moore, with whom he had many land transactions.⁹⁶

F. THEOPHILUS BLAND (March 12, 1807 - July 8, 1865) was born in Pitt County North Carolina and he died in Shelby County Tennessee. He married Adeline Adams (January 28, 1818 -) in Shelby County Tennessee on April 27, 1834.⁹⁷ Adeline was born in Virginia. Their children were:

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

(2) Robert A. Bland (March 31, 1837 - March 13, 1913) lived his life in Shelby County. He married Sarah Jane Tate, (-1899) in Shelby County.⁹⁸

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁹⁶ Gottschalk, p. 36. In Fischer File is a handwritten note of Martha Bland, (C1838-) who lived with the family of Jehiel and Elizabeth James, and married James Peels in Shelby County Tennessee January 1852.

⁹⁷ Gottschalk, p. 37. Information in the Fischer file suggests that Adeline Adams was born in Loudon County Virginia. George Bland, pp. 31-35.

⁹⁸ Descendants p. 33. Sarah Made her will August 3, 1896 and it was probated December 23, 1899. E-mail, Billy Bland to Charles L. Bland, February 4and 5, 2001.

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

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

(12) William Henry Bland (March or May 14, 1861 – July 1917) ⁹⁹ Born in Shelby County Tennessee, William Henry moved to Biscoe, Prarie County Arkansas in 1884. He moved on to De Valls Bluff Arkansas in 1900, where he was a prominent businessman. ¹⁰⁰ He married (1st) Susan Seward by whom he had:

(a) Harvey Bland

(b) Troy Bland As adults, both these boys moved to Little Rock Arkansas..

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

(c) Leland Bland a girl. Leland worked for her pa.

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

G. ISAAC BLAND (December 24, 1810 -) married Tibitha Reed/Read Ellis on November 12, 1834 in Shelby County. ¹⁰¹ They had three children:

(1) Benilla Bland

(2) Ellia or Elizabeth Bland

(3) Markam Conway Bland ¹⁰²

H. WILLIAM HENRY BLAND (April 29, 1812 - June 25, 1852) William was born in Pitt County and died in Shelby County. He is buried at the Bland Cemetery in Bartlett. He married Sutia or Satira Montgomery Gibson, (August 8, 1811 -) on June 30, 1842. ¹⁰³ Their children were:

⁹⁹ An alternate Birth date May 14, 1860. AC 3-2, p. 42, seems to be disproved by Centennial History of Arkansas, Vol II, (1922), pp 79-80, see Fisher File.

¹⁰⁰ The Centennial History of Arkansas, Vol 2, p. 79 cited in AC 2-1, p. 23, found in Gottschalk, p. 37.

¹⁰¹ Descendants pp 35-37. Gottschalk, p. 39, Isaac's brother William Henry Bland served as security. Isaac also served as security in the marriage of Elizabeth Bland to William Rogers in 1841 in Shelby County. The woman was too old to be Isaac's daughter Elizabeth and Isaac's sister Elizabeth married Alfred Moore in 1832.

¹⁰² This may be Markham Bland who married _____ Conway.

¹⁰³ Descendants pp. 37-39. Attachment to letter from Mollie Grant to Jane Fischer, December 26, 1973, Fischer File. I lean to the name Sutia rather than Satira. Per Cargill and Connelly, Sutia was married to

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

(2) George Rolly Bland (C1846 - October 12, 1915) George married Mary Ann O'Conner on December 15, 1885 in St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Shelby County Tennessee. They had four children:

- (a) Basil Alexander Bland married Aline Clancy.
- (b) Urquhardt Bland (a daughter) married Henry Albert Burkhardt.
- (c) George Anderson Bland who married Catherine Wadley.
- (d) Mary Ann Bland who married Major Reyburn Engles of York, Pennsylvania.¹⁰⁴

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

I. ELIZABETH BLAND (C1814 -) married Alfred Moore, (C1802- on January 19, 1832 in Shelby County Tennessee. They had five children. She may also have married William Rogers in 1841.¹⁰⁵

J. THULINA BLAND (C1815-1858) was born in Pitt County North Carolina and died in Shelby County Tennessee. She married John Kennedy (-1849) on March 17, 1832 in Shelby County Tennessee. They had three children.¹⁰⁶

K. SARAH BLAND (C1817 -) married (1st) John Wilson Montgomery on April 1835. Note above that their son Seth Wheatley Montgomery married his cousin Sylina Bland, daughter of Theophilus Bland (1807-1865). They had three children. Sarah married (2nd) James Davis on December 6, 1843. They had five or six children.¹⁰⁷

Isaac Gibson in Lawrence County Alabama on June 24, 1830. Sanford shows that Sutia was named Lutia in the 1850 Census of Shelby County Tennessee, where she appeared with Children named Gibson and Bland.

¹⁰⁴ Parents of Jane Engles Fisher, an old correspondent.

¹⁰⁵ Gottschalk, p. 39. Isaac Bland served as security. George Bland, pp. 27-29, suggests that Elizabeth was born about 1806.

¹⁰⁶ Gottschalk, p. 39

¹⁰⁷ Descendants, pp. 39-40.

THE BLANDS FROM MECKLENBURG COUNTY VIRGINIA

This family group owes much of what we know about it to the long life and work of Marjorie Bland Sayles of Abilene Texas, who passed away on May 15, 1993 at her home in Abilene Texas. Marjorie was my first contact from this family and while we owe a great deal to subsequent researchers, I think it is fair to say that she was the pioneer. Marjorie lived to age 81, (1911-1993). She was born in Merkel Texas, where you will see below, many of the descendants of Marion Lafayette "Fayte" Bland (1829-1910) sent their lives and ended their days. "Fayte" was her great grandfather and her parents were Robert Lafayette Bland (1879-1960) and Eula Mae Diltz (1881-1941) (see below pp _____). Marjorie's family moved to Abilene while she was a child, she went to school there. Marjorie graduated from Trinity College in 1932 and the Julliard School of Music, and earned her Master's Degree in music education from Columbia University. She married Welcome Jack Sayles (1908-1987) on June 15, 1938 in Abilene and they had two children, Marjorie Frances Sayles and John Robert Sayles.

Marjorie had a career in teaching and as food editor and woman's staff writer for the Abilene Reporter News. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a founding member of the Abilene Philharmonic Association. Genealogically, she was an active writer and researcher for the Blands who originated in Mecklenburg County Virginia and also was a member of the William Norwood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonies, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames and West Texas genealogical Association. A photo of Marjorie at age 18 is displayed below.



Marjorie Bland Sayles, 1911-1993
Courtesy Fern Bland

The Blands of Mecklenburg County, along the Southern Virginia frontier with North Carolina, have always seemed cut-off from the other Bland families and the family that emerged there in the mid Eighteenth Century, has thus far eluded connection with other Bland families, (see #6 above, page 27).¹⁰⁸ This family begins with Samuel Bland, who died about 1755.¹⁰⁹ On July 23, 1725, in Elizabeth City County, Virginia, Samuel and Martha Bland witnessed the will of John Merritt.¹¹⁰ Nothing more is known of this Samuel Bland except that on September 4, 1755, a court in Warwick County, Virginia ordered settlement of his estate. Thus, Samuel appears to have approximate dates (C1700-1755).

The eldest child of Samuel Bland and Martha Merritt was Merritt Bland, who was born about 1727, proved by birth of his first son in 1749 and his appointment to a jury on June 6, 1751 in Warwick County.¹¹¹ On April 5, 1750, a younger brother Thomas Bland made a deposition before the court and was identified as about eighteen. On May 1, 1760, Samuel Bland appeared in court to make an administrative motion about an estate. These then are three adduced children of Samuel Bland and Martha Merritt:

Samuel Bland (C1700-1755) married Martha Merritt.

1. Merritt Bland (March 2, 1721/1722– May 10, 1773) Married Sarah _____¹¹²
2. Thomas Bland (C1732-)
3. Samuel Bland (C1739 - 1798)

Of the three, nothing more is known about Samuel and Thomas Bland. Merritt Bland was a constable in Lunenburg County. He died in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, with his will dated March 2, 1773, and probated May 10, 1773. His will mentions a wife Sarah, and children Samuel, John, Martha and Elizabeth. Merritt's will includes a wife Sarah, sons Samuel and John, daughters Martha and Elizabeth and a possible daughter Ann

¹⁰⁸ Mecklenburg County was formed in 1764 from Lunenburg County. Previous discussion of this line occurs in VU, pp. 548-552, AC 2-1, p. 24; AC 2-2, pp. 36-37A; AC 5-2, pp. 18-20; AC 12-2, pp. 21-22. Contributions to our knowledge of the family have been made over the years by Kathy Bland of Rosenberg Texas; Richard A. Bland of Rogers Arkansas; Gail Riker of Winslow Arizona and Marjorie Bland Sayles of Abilene Texas, who had a productive collaboration with a man named Dee Swift. Most recently, a major contribution of information by Fern Bland of Abilene Texas has enhanced our knowledge of this family, both visually and intellectually. My thanks to all these cousins for their contributions and special thanks to Richard A. Bland, Kathy Bland and Fern Bland for reading and criticizing this section and furnishing some photos that make it much more interesting. Much of what follows comes from Descendants of Samuel Bland (undated and not attributed) hereafter known as Descendants. I cannot find an author for this wonderful work.

¹⁰⁹ Samuel's will was made February 6, 1755 and probated September 1755.

¹¹⁰ This, and the naming of a child Merritt, has led to the assumption that Martha's maiden name is Merritt.

¹¹¹ I Merritt's first male and female children were named Samuel and Martha, reinforcing the idea that Merritt was the son of Samuel Bland and Martha, his wife. According to this naming pattern, Merritt took his mother's maiden name as his own.

¹¹² Merritt's birth year is identified in an E-mail from Fern Bland to Charles L. Bland, July 4, 2005. I have never seen any evidence of daughters of Samuel Bland and Martha Merritt.

Russell, whose son Thomas was mentioned in Merritt's will. Of these, the following is known:¹¹³

1. **SAMUEL L. BLAND** (June 17, 1749 – February 21, 1820)¹¹⁴ Samuel was a horse breeder and lived on the farm his father left him. Samuel's will was made January 22, 1820 and proved February 21, 1820.¹¹⁵ He may have been a justice of the peace when his father died for it appears that his siblings hauled him into court to force him to carry out the terms of his father's will (he had delayed doing so, for reasons not clear). Incensed with Samuel's behavior, they went even further and succeeded in getting his authority to perform marriages suspended. Samuel appears to have been a stubborn man, for on one occasion he refused to appear at court and when a law officer attempted to deliver a summons, Samuel drove him off with gunfire. The next day, the lawman was run off by Samuel's son, Williamson. Samuel also was a horse breeder who lived on a small farm left to him by his father. Samuel married Elizabeth Williamson, (June 6, 1768 – post February 1829) of Charlotte County, on June 12, 1781.¹¹⁶ Samuel and Elizabeth had these children:

A. **JOHN WILLIAMSON BLAND** (C1782 – December 29, 1850)¹¹⁷

Williamson Bland was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and died in Wilson County Tennessee. According to testament of John Williamson's grandson John William Carroll Bland (1858-1946), John Williamson was a physician during the week and a Methodist minister on Sunday.¹¹⁸ He married Dorcas Williams (February 21, 1782 – July 19, 1836), in Mecklenburg County Virginia on November 17, 1806. Williamson and Dorcas moved their family to Wilson County Tennessee in the Fall of 1829.¹¹⁹ Dorcas is buried at the

¹¹³ AC 5-2, pp. 20-22. Lunenburg County Wills 1746-1825, p. 332 find Merritt and his wife Sarah in 1764 as executor and witness to wills Joseph Smith and Ann Russell. Merritt's will is in Mecklenburg County Will Book 1, pp. 154-156.

¹¹⁴ Samuel's will was made January 22, 1820 and probated February 21, 1820. His birth year is alternately given as 1752.

¹¹⁵ Samuel's will appears in Mecklenburg County Virginia Will Book 9 (1819-1824) pp. 106-107.

¹¹⁶ Mecklenburg County Virginia Marriage Bond Book 1, p. 42. I am grateful for information posted to the website Genforum On June 13, 2000 by Amanda Tinsley, and am also including in this discussion additional information about the siblings of Williamson Bland. Also, Marsha Smith-Hamilton to Charles L. Bland, January 27, 2001. I think we should be a little skeptical of these dates which find a 13 year old girl marrying a 32 year old man. I'm suggesting that maybe poor Elizabeth Williamson was born a teensy bit earlier. The marriage record is posted in Charlotte County Bond Book 1, p. 42.

¹¹⁷ This date is uncertain and Williamson may have died as late as 1856. See note of Dee Swift in VU, p. 549, note 1. "I have it from a source to which I can no longer refer...that Williamson Bland died on December 29 1850, but I kind'a have my doubts."

¹¹⁸ Marjorie Bland Sayles to Fern Cross Bland, undated.

¹¹⁹ Since Williamson's and Dorcas' youngest child was born in June 1829, this notation suggests that all their children were born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and moved to Wilson County Tennessee with them. Williamson's Uncle John fought in the war of 1812 and was rewarded by some bounty land in the Arkansas Territory, which became a State in 1836 (see John Bland below). The land was evidently in the area of Washington County that became Benton County in 1840.

Bland Cemetery on property owned by her grandson Clark Bland.¹²⁰ They had a family of eight known children, all born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and died in Wilson County Tennessee or Benton County Arkansas.¹²¹

- (1) Samuel L. Bland (September 26, 1808 - February 26, 1832). Samuel L. Bland was evidently not as cautious as his grandfather, for whom he was named. He began as a young married man and a teacher but it all was cut short when he choked to death on a fish bone, truncating a brief and promising career and marriage to Mahalia Brinkley on January 22, 1830.¹²²
- (2) Sarah Ann Bland (January 5, 1809 - C1873). Sarah Ann married Archibald Cox, May 26, 1807 -- May 25, 1844) about 1826. They evidently preceded Williamson and Dorcas and their younger children to Tennessee. Their children were:
 - (a) Permelia W. Cox (September 12, 1827 -) married Thomas D. Leeman on October 2, 1845.
 - (b) Mary Jane Cox (November 2, 1829 -) married Joshua Cunningham on April 11, 1850.
 - (c) Lewis Austin Cox (March 26, 1832 -- March 31, 1847)
 - (d) Dorcas Williamson Cox (August 24, 1834 - November 23, 1920) married William A. Petterson on April 3, 1849.
 - (e) Harvey Wilson Cox (July 29, 1836 - 1836)
 - (f) Ann Eliza Cox (October 29, 1838 -- 1838)
 - (g) Isabella Cox (March 21, 1841 -)
 - (h) Archibald Cox Jr. (July 21, 1844 -- 1844).
- (3) Celia E. Bland (August 12, 1813 - February 11, 1873). Celia was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and died in Benton County Arkansas. According to Dee Swift, "she was not bright, but not an idiot either," a strange commendation to posterity, to which Swift adds that she never married thus contradicting himself, for Celia evidently was not as dumb as Mr. Swift imagined. Celia is buried in the Bland cemetery near her brother John Williamson Petross Bland, (5) below.¹²³
- (4) Elizabeth W. Bland (September 4, 1815 - January 14, 1872). Elizabeth was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and died in Wilson County

¹²⁰ Written Note by Fern Bland, undated.

¹²¹ Note childbirth in 1808, 1809, 1813, 1815, 1817, 1820, 1822. Very rhythmic, so why the seven year gap until "Fayte" Bland was born?

¹²² Fern Bland, undated handwritten note, calls him *Samuel Thomas* and indicates that he built a table on his own, which he used when he taught.

¹²³ But wait. The 1850 Census, Dwelling/Family 1431, finds Cily E. Bland, age 37, living with James Patton, age 32. But she goes by Cily Bland not Patton.

- (4) Elizabeth W. Bland (September 4, 1815 - January 14, 1872). Elizabeth was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and died in Wilson County Tennessee. She married on May 28, 1833 William C. "Dry Billy" Patterson (C1812-1890) and "they had a raft of kids." No one ever explained why Billy was dry or whatever happened to the raft.¹²⁴
- (5) John Williamson Petross Bland¹²⁵ (December 22, 1817 - May 20, 1903). John W. P. as he was called, was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and died in Larue, Benton County Arkansas, by way of Wilson County Tennessee. He is found in the 1850 census of Wilson County living at dwelling 1493. John married on October 9, 1844, in Wilson County, Tennessee, Malinda Jane Porterfield (December 13, 1824 - April 25, 1900), a marriage that was said by Fern Bland to have been disapproved by both sets of parents, because John and Malinda were second cousins.¹²⁶ They moved to Benton County Arkansas about 1856. After Malinda died, John made daily visits to her grave which was located on the far side of a creek that ran by his home. Eventually he died from falling in the creek and getting a chill while crossing the foot bridge to Malinda's grave. He never recovered. A photograph of John Williamson Petross Bland is displayed on the following page, courtesy of Richard A. Bland of Rogers Arkansas:
John and Malinda had eight children:¹²⁷

- (a) Mary Ann Elizabeth "Analiza" Bland (1845 -)¹²⁸ was born in Wilson County Tennessee and died in Larue, Benton County Arkansas. Mary Ann was the first post-mistress of Larue, where she married Edward Jennings. They had six children:

1. John Jennings
2. Joshua Jennings
3. George Washington Jennings
4. Presley Jennings
5. William "Willie" Jennings
6. Manson Jennings

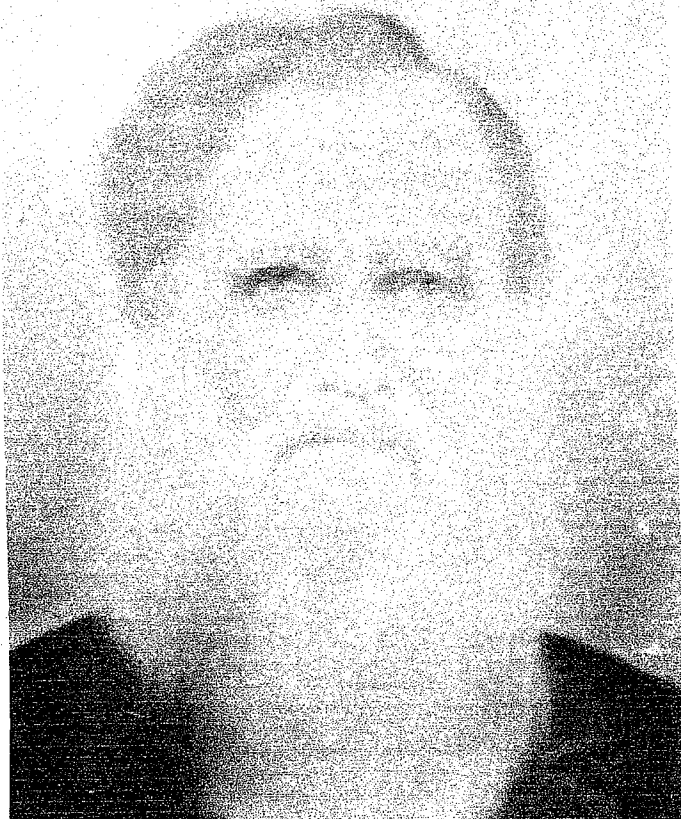
¹²⁴ I am grateful to Joe Patterson, who provided the names of Blands buried in the Patterson Cemetery near Watertown Tennessee. E-mail, Joe Patterson to Charles L. Bland, May 27, 2000.

¹²⁵ My thanks for critical response and photographs from Richard A. Bland of Rogers Arkansas, E-Mails June 30 and July 4 and 6, 2005.

¹²⁶ Wilson County Tennessee Marriage Record Book 1838-1854, p. 154. Fem Bland Family Group Sheet of John Williamson Petross Bland and Malinda Porterfield.

¹²⁷ VU, p. 551; AC 1-2, pp. 23-24; AC 12-2, pp. 21-22. Much of this information also comes from a bible record held by James Alonzo Bland and his niece Jewel Hegwood Dye.

¹²⁸ There is some dispute whether Mary Ann Bland was born in 1845 or 1847. The 1850 Census makes her 5 years old.



John Williamson Petross Bland (1817-1903)

- (b) James Bland (1847/1848 - 1900) James returned from Benton County Arkansas to Wilson County, Tennessee where in Jewel Hegwood Dye's recollection, he "married and remarried," including a marriage to Tennessee Ryan. The reason he returned to Wilson County is related by Clyde Lee: While James was plowing one day, two men sat on a fence rail like crows and razzed him. Irritated, James took out a gun and shot one of them in the thigh and the boy bled to death died a few hours later. James saddled a horse who had a strong attachment to Arkansas and didn't want to go to Tennessee of all places, but having watched the whole thing, made no objection to James when he mounted and rode away to Wilson County Tennessee, where he is said to have lived an exemplary life and was "the kindest man."¹²⁹ His children included:

1. Joe Bland
2. John Marion Bland (July 27, 1876 -) married Cordelia Johnson on July 10, 1896

¹²⁹ Family Group Sheet for James Bland by Fern Bland



3. Thomas Jacent Bland (November 17, 1878 -) married Zella Walden
4. James Lafayette Bland (October 15, 1881 -) Lafayette married Ona Patton (June 11, 1888-1968). I am pleased to display a photo of James L. Bland in the left margin, courtesy of Kathy Bland of Rosenberg Texas.
5. George Clarke Bland, (March 1, 1888 – 1973) George married Virgie Hubbard.

(c) Samuel Merritt Bland (June 17, 1849 - April 28, 1911). Samuel was born in Wilson County Tennessee and died in Benton County Arkansas. He married Amanda Catherine Tucker (April 12, 1856 – July 17, 1936) on October 22, 1871. I am pleased to display a photograph of Samuel and Amanda below, courtesy of Richard A. Bland of Rogers Arkansas.



Samuel Merritt Bland and Amanda Catherine Tucker had twelve children:

1. James Willie Bland (October 2, 1872 – January 16, 1876)
2. Albert Edgar Bland (April 18, 1874 – January 27, 1948) who married Martha Elizabeth Baker on August 20, 1894. They had two children.

3. Minnie Louisa Bland (October 25, 1876 – February 18, 1905) married Horace Hunter Hegwood on July 29, 1896.¹³⁰ I am pleased to display a photograph of Minnie Bland and Horace Hegwood below, courtesy of Kathy Bland of Rosenberg Texas.



4. Ella Dora Bland (October 2, 1878 – September 18, 1964) Ella married Joseph Daniel Baker.

5. Charley Bland (February 11, 1881 – September 19, 1881)

6. Priscilla Bland (December 6, 1882 - December 26, 1883)

7. Carroll Bland (July 15, 1886 – May 20, 1975) married Lenora Lynch.

8. Hattie Matelda Bland (February 2, 1888 – July 6, 1980) married (1) George Head and (2) George Townsend on September 5, 1905.

9. Jefferson L. Bland (September 19, 1890 – August 8, 1968) married Iva Finn.

10. George Clark Bland (January 20, 1893 – October 15, 1975) married Mae Sylvis Lee (June 18, 1898 – July 15, 1985) on October 1, 1915.

¹³⁰ Minnie Bland and Horace Hegwood were the parents of Jewell Hegwood Dye.

According to his son Clyde Lee, George was a man of few words and never was angry, but was very firm. Once he demanded that Clyde and two other brothers talk to him about their secretive smoking. George told them he had been smoking for years (he died of emphysema). If they were going to smoke, he wanted them to do it openly rather than on the sly, where they might burn the barn down. One last thing, he said "Get your own tobacco." On October 1, 1905, having just recently met Mae Lee, George took her by the arm and handed her into the carriage and rode to the Justice of the Peace, and quietly announced that they were here to get married. "We are?" Mae asked, but knowing her future husband was a man of quiet but firm resolve, she agreed. Good thing 'cause otherwise we wouldn't have all those great Clyde Lee stories.¹³¹

11. James Alonzo Bland (April 8, 1895 - September 7, 1978) married Cora Geneva Holcomb.

12. David Limual Bland (August 8, 1898 - November 6, 1899)

(d) Sarah Parilee Bland (October 1, 1852 - October 23, 1936) married (1) Marion Carter (March 21, 1841 - July 21, 1872) and (2) John David Gardner.

(e) William Richard Lafayette Bland (April 5, 1855 - April 4, 1922), known as "Fate" like his uncle, died at Larue, Benton County Arkansas and he never married. This may have been because women were frightened of him. Clyde Lee Bland writes that "On one . . . occasion, he went to a community picnic when he had just enough to drink to show out. He rode his horse through the crowd, fired off his gun a couple of times, and rode away at a gallop." When the local Justice of Peace demanded he show up for a hearing, William fled to another town to lay low. His cover was blown when he intervened on the side of a black boy and "insults and slurs were traded" between "Fate" and the boy's tormentors. The next day one of the tormentors essentially challenged "Fate" to a duel and "Fate" shot him dead. For this, "Fate" was sentenced to hanging at Fort Smith Arkansas, but his father got a retrial and "Fate" was sentenced to fourteen years in prison. Afterward he lived alone for the rest of his life and cautioned his friends to "sing out" when they approached him, so he would not shoot them by mistake. There is no telling what he told the women he met.¹³²

(f) George Clark Bland (February 14, 1858 - March 4, 1938) was born, lived and died in Larue, Benton County Arkansas.¹³³ Clark Bland was a minister of The Gospel. Clyde Lee tells a story of Clark's day of reckoning with his destiny. While walking through a forest, Clark happened upon a dove.

¹³¹ Descendants, p. 10.

¹³² Descendants, p. 4.

¹³³ Both Gail Riker of Winslow Arizona and Marjorie Sayles of Abilene Texas provided the anecdotal information about Clark Bland.

Grasping a stone, Clark prayed that the Lord would cause him to only clip the bird's wing, thereby sending him a sign that he was to be a minister of God. The dove, clearly hopeful for a clean miss and somewhat dismayed to be the instrument of God's will, waited anxiously. Fortunately for the dove and for Clark's future congregation, Clark was a poor shot, clipped the bird's wing and began his ministry, which he continued at Benton County Arkansas until his death. Clark married Mary Catherine Blackburn, (October 5, 1865 – 1948/1949) at Spring Valley, Washington County Arkansas, October 9, 1882. I am pleased to display a photograph of George Clark Bland and Mary Catherine Blackburn, Courtesy of Richard A. Bland of Rogers Arkansas:



George and Mary Catherine had a family of thirteen children including:

1. Petross Bland (July 6, 1883 – September 28, 1894) Poor Petross was kicked to death by a horse.
2. Ursula May Bland (February 6, 1885 – January 28, 1938) Ursula married (1) Samuel Ray and (2) Rufus Johnson.
3. Ethel Bland (October 20, 1886 – April 17, 1961) Ethel married Albert S. McGinnis on April 17, 1961. I am pleased to display photographs of Ursula and Ethel Bland, courtesy of Kathy Bland of Rosenberg Texas.



Ursula and Ethel Bland

4. Katy Lee Bland (September 29, 1888 – November 1, 1967)
5. Marvin Bland (May 18, 1891- August 16, 1894) died of typhoid fever.
6. Loyd Bland (September 2, 1893 – February 21, 1975), married Elsie C. Allred on September 19, 1920.¹³⁴
7. Lester W. Lafayette Bland (November, 1895 – November 3, 1966) married Nora Hawthorne.
8. Young Jack Bland (October 1, 1895 – January 13, 1976), who married Millicent White on June 9, 1923.¹³⁵
9. An unnamed infant girl (January 12, 1897 – died same day)
10. William Everett Bland (October 13, 1901 - 1985) married Ella Irene King on March 13, 1921.
11. Mildred Bland (February 17, 1904 - 1995) married Miley Howell
12. Dottie Bland (November 1906 - 1999) married William H. Knox
13. Ralph Bland (December 1908-1987) married Beryl Bewley.

(g) Susan Elizabeth Bland (C1860-1932) was born in Benton County Arkansas and died in Wellston Oklahoma. She married James Reynolds, who died in California. Their children:

1. Lula Reynolds
2. Minnie Reynolds
3. Clark Reynolds
4. Joe Reynolds
5. Grace Reynolds

¹³⁴ Lloyd's son Forrest W. Bland (1924 -) is the father of my correspondent Richard A. Bland.

¹³⁵ Young Jack moved to San Bernardino California where Millicent gave birth to Douglas Bland in 1924. Douglas was the father of Gail Patricia Bland, (1948-) who married David Franklin Riker in 1966; (9) Infant girl (1897-) who died at birth; (10) William Everett Bland (1901 -); (11) Mildred Bland (1904-); (12) Dottie Bland (1906 -); and Ralph Bland (1908- still living?)

(h) John or Jim Newton Bland (October 10, 1865 - November 14, 1867).

¹³⁶ According to Fern Bland, Newman was kicked by a horse.

(6) William David "Billy" Bland (April 17, 1820 - September 1, 1897) Billy was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and died at Osage, Coryell County Texas. He was living at dwelling 988 in Wilson County Tennessee in the 1850 Census. He married Melissa Levina "Viney" Beadle (June 12, 1824 - September 1878) on December 26, 1839.¹³⁷ Their children, all of whom were born in Coryell County Texas were:

(a) John Bland (1840-)

(b) Celia Bland (1845-)

(c) Louisa Bland (C1846 - before 1850)

(d) Rebecca Bland (July 18, 1850 - May 3, 1884) Married Frederick E. Simmons (November 13, 1846 - August 13, 1879)

(e) Dorcas Bland (C1856 -) married Reverend George W. Clarke (October 29, 1856 - October 12, 1922).

(f) Jasper Dumingén Bland (June 12, 1861 - August 17, 1928) married Ellen Loretta Jo Whitlock on August 20, 1885.

(g) Tennessee Virginia Bland (May 13, 1864 - January 23, 1936) Tennessee was born in Wilson County Tennessee and died in Osage, Coryell County Texas. She married Sam Houston Merritt in Osage, Texas on November 11, 1880.

(7) Mary Jane Bland (C1822 - October 27, 1850). Mary Jane was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia and died in Wilson County Tennessee. She married Thomas Patton on August 10, 1841. Patterson already was a widower with three children and he and Mary Jane had six more.¹³⁸

(8) Francis Marion Marcus de Lafayette Bland, called "Fayte," (June 12, 1829 - August 13, 1910) According to a notation of Fern Bland, "Fayte" was named for Francis Marion, The Swamp Fox and for the Marquis De' Lafayette of Revolutionary fame, who returned to the U.S. with great acclaim in 1829.¹³⁹ "Fayte's" fate was to be buried at the Osage Cemetery in Coryell County Texas. Fayte was living in dwelling 983 with Thomas Dalton, in the census of 1850 for Wilson County. Fayte enlisted as a private on May 20, 1861 in Nashville Tennessee and was appointed fourth sergeant in July 1862. He served as a sergeant in the 7th Regiment, Company F, of the Tennessee Army, CSA. "Fayte's" "baptism by fire" was with Stonewall Jackson's Corps at Hancock Maryland. He saw heavy action at Yorkstown and at Seven Pines, The Seven Days Battle near Mechanicsville Maryland, First Bull Run, Centerville, Boliver,

¹³⁶ Dates provided in a letter from Richard A. Bland to Charles L. Bland, September 27, 1993.

¹³⁷ The 1850 Census shows Melissa's age as 26. The date of June 12, 1829 given on a group sheet for the family of William David Bland creates obvious problems, so I have made her June 12, 1824.

¹³⁸ Family Group Sheet of Williamson Bland by Fern Bland.

¹³⁹ Family Group Sheet for Francis Marion Lafayette Bland by Fern Bland.

Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Petersburg, the Weldon Railroad, Fort Archer. "Fayte" survived all that and then was captured at Hatcher's Run, Virginia April 2, 1865, and was on the list of prisoners of war at Point Lookout, Maryland. He was released on oath at City Point Virginia on May 20, 1865. From there he walked his way to Five Forks Virginia where he borrowed a Union Cavalry mount and rode home to Wilson County Tennessee.¹⁴⁰ A photograph of "Fayte" Bland appears below.¹⁴¹ He married on February 8, 1854, Elizabeth Dimmitt Porterfield (1833-1900), a sister of Malinda Porterfield who married John William Petross Bland, the brother of Fayte (see above #5).¹⁴² A photograph of Fayte Bland in his military uniform is displayed on the following page.

"Fayte" Bland and Elizabeth Porterfield had a family of six children, all of whom, except Mary Jane, were born in Wilson, Tennessee, and died in Coryell or Merkel, Texas.

- (a) Mary Jane Bland (January 23, 1857 – January 29, 1913), a teacher, married W. Vantrease on November 10, 1880. They had:

1. Marion Ezekiel Vantrease who married (1) Mae Ricketts and (2) Ressie Bland, a cousin, daughter of John Merritt Bland. They were divorced.
2. Rosa Vantrease married _____ Sherrill.
3. Flora Vantrease married _____ Ricketts
4. Betty Vantrease married _____ Sherrill.

- (b) John William Carroll Bland (January 16, 1858 – December 1, 1946), was born in Wilson County Tennessee and died in Merkel, Taylor County Texas. John married Lochia "Lockey" Tennessee Craddock (May 8, 1860-August 23, 1947) on November 26, 1876 in Wilson County Tennessee.¹⁴³ Osage County Texas. They are buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel Texas. John William Carroll Bland and Lochia Tennessee Craddock had a family of eleven children. I am pleased to display group photographs of John William Carroll and his wife and children on page 94::

¹⁴⁰ "Fayte's" military service experience was compiled by Marjorie Sayles in 1992-1993.

¹⁴¹ This photograph was provided by Kathy Bland of Rosenberg Texas. Kathy wrote me "Did I exaggerate his handsomeness? Reply only if the answer is 'no, you didn't.' Ha!"

¹⁴² Wilson County Tennessee Marriage Record Book, 1838-1854, p. 384.

¹⁴³ Wilson County Tennessee Marriage Book 1776-1784, p. 41. John William Bland and Lochia Craddock had a family of eleven children, whose lives extended into the 20th century. One of these was Robert Lafayette Bland, born July 30, 1879, who died in Abilene, Texas, August 15, 1960. He married Eula May Diltz on November 27, 1898, and they had a family of five children, including my correspondent Marjorie Bland who married John Welcome Sayles on June 15, 1938.



Francis Marion Marcus de Lafayette Bland (1829-1910)
Courtesy Kathy Bland

The family of John William Carroll Bland and Lochia Tennessee Craddock
(1860-1947)

Courtesy Fern Bland



L-R Seated Roscoe Ireland Bland ((1885-1936); Vera Ecta Bland (1888-1983); John William Carroll Bland (1858-1946); Lochia Tennessee Craddock (1860-1947) and James Alva Bland (1896-1978).

L-R Standing Arthur Cleveland Bland (1899-1964); Dimmit Bland (1901-1978); Ora Bland (1893-1978); Joseph Merritt Bland (1881-1961) and Robert Lafayette "Fayte" Bland (1879-1960).

These are the children who made it to adulthood. Children of John William Carroll and Lochia Tennessee Craddock.

1. Lorra Agnes Bland (August 25, 1877 -) was born and died in Wilson County Tennessee.
2. Robert Lafayette Bland (July 30, 1879 – August 15, 1960) Robert , also called "Fayte" was born in Wilson County Tennessee and died in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. He married (1st) Eula May Diltz June 18, 1881 – July 31, 1941) on November 27, 1898 in Clifton,

Bosque County Texas. Both are buried at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel Texas.¹⁴⁴ A photograph of Robert and Eula Mae is displayed below, courtesy of Fern Bland.



Following the death of Eula Mae Diltz, Robert Lafayette married (2nd) Virginia Tarver in 1942.

3. Joseph Merritt Bland (September 27, 1881 - November 11, 1961) was born in Wilson County Tennessee and died in Abilene Texas. Joseph married Sara Amanda Poer (September 17, 1886 – June 30, 1960) on January 3, 1904 in Merkel Texas. They had seven children.
4. Roscoe Ireland Bland (June 13, 1885 – August 22, 1936) was born in Wilson County Tennessee and died in Merkel, Taylor County Texas. Roscoe married (1) Clara Cox (June 16, 1886 – November 8, 1911) on January 3, 1904 in Abilene Texas. He married (2)

¹⁴⁴ Robert Lafayette Bland and Eula Mae Diltz were parents of five children, including a daughter my correspondent Marjorie Bland (1911-1993) who married Jack Welcome Sayles. See obituary notice above, p. _____.

Esther Cynthia Rister on January 2, 1918 in Abilene Roscoe had two children by Clara Cox and four children by Esther Cynthia Rister.¹⁴⁵

5. Vera Ecta Bland (April 3, 1888 – May 8, 1983) was born in Wilson County Tennessee and died in Abilene Texas. She married Richard Rigor Clark (June 12, 1881- October 28, 1936). They had two children.
6. Elmer Bland (June 30, 1890 -) was born in Wilson County Tennessee.
7. Ora B. Bland (October 9, 1893 - March 12, 1978) was born in Coryell County Texas and died in Abilene Texas. Ora married Joseph Lecil White (- April 7, 1960) in Sweetwater, Nolan County Texas on March 1, 1912. They had three children.
8. Oscar T. J. Bland (November 21, 1894 - January 27, 1895) was born in Coryell County Texas.
9. James Alva Bland (October 9, 1896 – August 5, 1978) was born on Coryell County Texas and died in Sweetwater, Texas. James married Emma T. Clark (July 28, 1896 – March 15, 1994) on December 17, 1917 in Merkel Texas. They had two children.
10. Arthur Cleveland Bland (February 15, 1899 – March 15, 1964) was born in Coryell County Texas and died in Wichita County Texas. Arthur married (1) Eura Allen (September 23, 1901 – June 13, 1966) on September 14, 1918, from whom he was divorced. Second, he married Velma Clark Brown on December 14, 1924 in Merkel Texas. Arthur had one child with Eura Allen and four with Velma Clark Brown.
11. Dimmitt “Dee” Bland (February 13, 1901 – January 5, 1978) was born in Coryell County and died in Abilene Texas. He was a farmer, police officer and tax supervisor for the State of Texas. Dimmitt married (1) Fay Rape (July 26, 1900 - died before Dimmitt) on March 18, 1922 in Merkel Texas from whom he was divorced and (2) Catherine Touchstone on March 26, 1959. With Fay Rape, Dimmitt Bland had four children.

(c) Marian Florina Bland (November 27, 1861 – January 10, 1936) married Jesse or James Abner Graham in 1892. Their children were:

1. J.W. Graham, June 27, 1892 - died the same day)
2. Jessie Graham married Raiford Brown
3. Jennie Graham (C1895-1933) married Raiford Brown¹⁴⁶

¹⁴⁵ One of Roscoe Bland's children with Esther Rister was Jack Irland Bland (1931 -) who married my correspondent Wilma Fern Cross on February 28, 1953 in Abilene.

¹⁴⁶ According to a family group sheet for Marian Florina Bland, Raiford Brown married Jennie Graham first, and after her death, married sister Jessie Graham.

I am pleased to display a charming photograph of the two Mrs. Raifords in their childhood. Courtesy of Kathy Bland



(d) Jefferson "Jeff" Davis Bland (March 12, 1866 – August 1, 1898) married Prudence Edwards September 1, 1892.

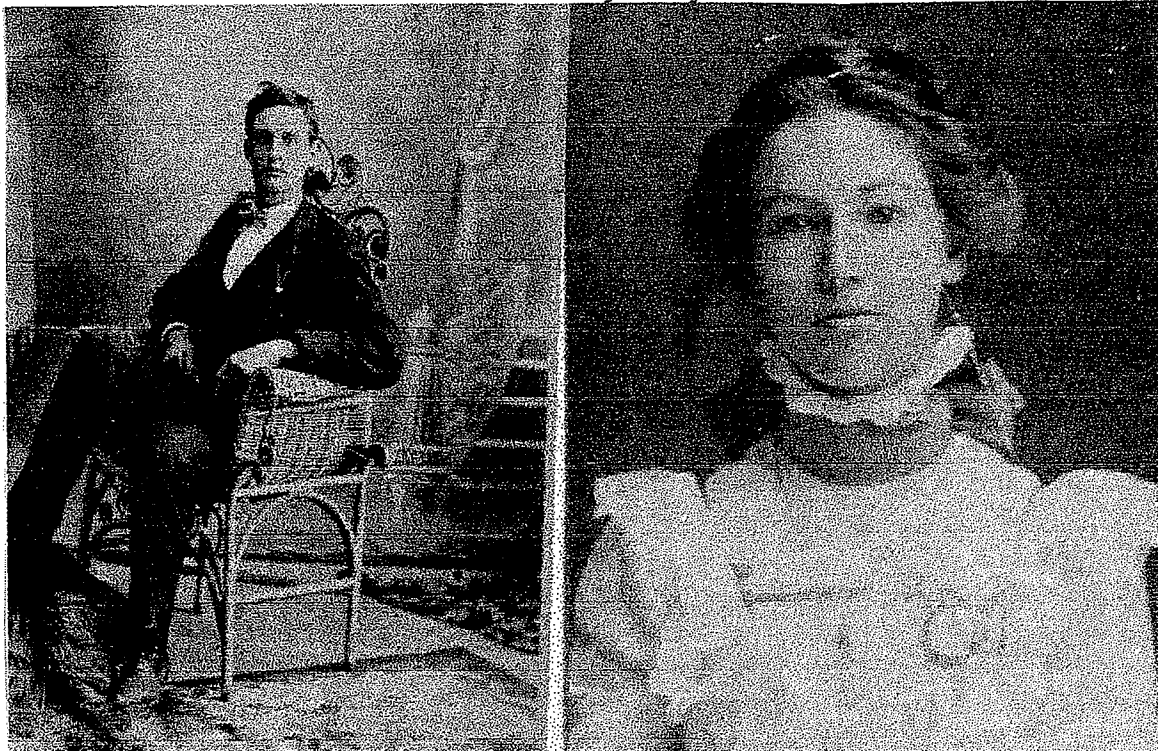
(e) Rosalie Alice Bland (August 23, 1870 – December 29, 1961) married (1) Wreps Crawford Nettles (1867-1925) on August 23, 1888. After the death of Wreps Nettles, Rosalie married _____ Provine. Rosalie's children with Wreps Crawford Nettles:

1. Carrie Nettles married Charles McDonald
2. May Nettles married John Baird
3. Richard J. "Buddy" Nettles, married Alpha B. McKinley
4. Prudence Nettles married Paul Pollard

(f) Joe Harvey Bland (April 21, 1877 – October 3, 1945) married Mary Eliza Shannon (C1885-1944) in 1904. I am pleased to display a photograph of Joe Harvey Bland and Mary Eliza Shannon on the following page, courtesy of Kathy Bland:

Joe Harvey Bland (1877-1945) and Mary Eliza Shannon (1885-1944)

Courtesy Kathy Bland



Children of Joe Harvey Bland and Mary Elizabeth Shannon were:

1. Unnamed Infant (born and died in 1905)
2. Jeff Bland (October 18, 1908 -) married Jimmie Doris Edwards
(March 20, 1916 -).
3. Ollie Bland (September 29, 1906 -) never married
4. Cleo Bland (August 5, 1916 - 1982) married Edna Earle Barnard
5. Joe Harvey Bland (August 23, 1921) never married
6. M.L. Bland (June 20, 1923 -) married Clevie Donnell Tubbs

A photograph of the entire family of Fayette Bland (1829-1910) appears on the following page:



Front Row L-R: James Alvah Bland (1896-1978); John William Carroll Bland (1858-1946) ; Dimmitt Bland (1901-1978) on Fayte's Lap; Fayte (1829-1910); Tennessee Lochia Craddock (1860-1947); Arthur Cleveland Bland (1899-1964)

Standing: L-R: Vera Ecta Bland (1888-1983); Roscoe Ireland Bland (1885-1936); Ora Bland (1893-1978); Joseph Merritt Bland (1881-1961); Robert L. "Fayte" Bland (1879-1960) and Eula Mae Diltz (1881-1941). The child standing between Vera Ecta and James Alvah is unidentified.

B. ELIZABETH BLAND (C1783-) Elizabeth married James Norvell on December 22, 1817. Elizabeth and James had a child: ¹⁴⁷

(1) Samuel Young Norvell (C1821-) was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia. He married Sara Olds (C1830-1888) who was born in Virginia and died in Tennessee. Their children were:

(a) James Anderson Norvell (April 19, 1851 – May 28, 1919). James was born and died in Davidson County Tennessee. He married Rhoda Ella Mullins (December 13, 1857 - April 4, 1930) on November 18, 1872. They lived in Lavergne, Davidson County Tennessee and had a family of eleven children.

C. FRANCES BLAND (C1785 – before 1820) married John Hudson on April 30, 1801 in Mecklenburg County Virginia. .

D. JOHN BLAND (C1790 - December 31, 1813). John died in the War of 1812, while serving with Nelson's Company of the 10th Regimental Infantry, for which his survivors were awarded land in Arkansas territory. This property may have dictated the migratory pattern of the family. John's brother Williamson Bland (A above) bought the shares of his sisters, Elizabeth, Frances and Rebecca and Williamson's children moved to Wilson County and eventually to Arkansas. ¹⁴⁸

E. REBECCA BLAND (1802-1844) Rebecca married William W. Carpenter (C1800 – after 1860) on January 22, 1817 in Mecklenburg County Virginia. Rebecca died in Wilson County Tennessee. Rebecca and William came to Wilson County Tennessee between 1820-1828. Following Rebecca's death, William Carpenter went to Jefferson County Illinois. Children of William Carpenter and Rebecca Bland were:

(1) William M. Carpenter (C1820 –) born in Mecklenburg County Virginia. William married Christiana Williams (C1826 -) on October 21, 1845 in Wilson County Tennessee. Their children were:

- (a.) Mary E. Carpenter (C1847 -)
- (b.) Mahaley Elizabeth Carpenter (C1851 -)
- (c.) Larcen Preston Carpenter (C1852 -)
- (d.) Sarah Y. Carpenter (C1853-)
- (e.) Virginia Y. Carpenter (C1854-)
- (f.) Willie P. Carpenter (C1857-)

¹⁴⁷ I am grateful to Sherry Mathieu, Miami Florida, for the material she sent me about Elizabeth Bland Norvell's descendants.

¹⁴⁸ AC 18, p. 93, N. 127: Chuck Bolton, posting on Genforum, September 14, 2000, identified Williamson Bland as a brother of John and stated that Williamson had a warrant for 160 acres in SW ¼ Section 25, township 15N, Range 44 in the Arkansas Territory.

- (g) John C. Carpenter (C1859 -)
- (h) Sam J. Carpenter (C1862 -)
- (i) Christina Carpenter (C1864 -)
- (j) William W. Carpenter (C1865 -)

(2) Martha Carpenter (C1825-) Martha married Radford Burl Osborn (C1826 -) on April 15, 1846 in Wilson County Tennessee. Their children were:

- (a) Rebecca H. Osborn (C1848 -) married Samuel Mathis Wilson (August 28, 1838 -) about 1865.
- (b) William Osborn (C1850 -).
- (c) Richard Allen Osborn (C1853 -)
- (d) Miles A. Osborn (C1857-1935) died in Jefferson County Illinois. Miles married Florida Ann Smith (January 22, 1861 – June 13, 1948) on December 2, 1881 in Jefferson County Illinois. Smith

- (e) John M Osborn (C1858 -)
- (f) Mary J. Osborn (C1859 -)
- (g) Robert A. Osborn (C1861 -)
- (h) David J. Osborn (C1867 -)
- (i) Melia Osborn (C1869 -)
- (j) Elijah Osborn (C1872 -)
- (k) Levi Osborn (C1873 -)

(3) Samuel Houston Carpenter (C1828 – after 1880) Born and died in Wilson County Tennessee. He married (1) Mary Ann Vivrett (C1836-1863) on January 16, 1850. Their children:

- (a) William A. Carpenter (C1851 -) married Melissa Young on November 25, 1877 in Wilson County Tennessee.
- (b) Nancy J. Carpenter (September 26, 1855 – January 9, 1933) died in Red River County Texas. She married Allen Clark Underwood in Wilson County Tennessee on October 13, 1880.
- (c) Elizabeth Carpenter (C1856 -)
- (d) Samuel Houston Carpenter (March 12, 1858 – March 12, 1933) died in Red River County Texas. Sam married (1) an unknown woman (so what is so unusual about that?) and (2) Orlene Singleton Glazner (November 11, 1867 – March 17, 1941) in Red River County on November 8, 1890. Both are buried at Stone's Chapel, Cherry, in Red River County.
- (e) F.S. Carpenter (C1863 -)

Poor Mary Ann Vivrett. After bearing five children between 1851-1863, it is likely she died in childbirth. Samuel married (2nd) Jane Rickets on January 25, 1865 in Wilson County Tennessee. Their children:

- (f) W. Marcus Carpenter (C1868 -)
- (g) Mason M. Carpenter (C1869 -)
- (h) D.D. Carpenter (C1872 -)
- (i) J.W. Carpenter (C1878 -)
- (j) C.D. Carpenter (C1878 -)

(4) Frances Carpenter (C1830 -)

(5) John Carpenter (C1833 – before 1880) John married Albania Gray (C1838 - 1910) on December 13, 1855 in Jefferson County Illinois. They seem to have spent all their days in Jefferson County Illinois, where all their children were born:

(a) Martha Carpenter (C1857 -) Martha married John Jefferson Brown (December 1856 -) on January 13 1877 in Jefferson County Illinois.

(b) Victor Carpenter (April 16, 1858 – September 10, 1929) was born and died in Jefferson County, Illinois Victor married (1) Bertha Agnes Collier (September 1867 -) on May 14, 1884 in Jefferson County Illinois and (2) Ada Casey January 12 1878 – 1947) about 1905.

(c) Lucy Carpenter (December, 1860 -1953) Lucy married John V.D. Kaus (C1858-1930) on April 17, 1882 in Jefferson County Illinois. Both are buried at the Ebenezer Cemetery in Jefferson County.

(d) Jefferson Davis Carpenter (November 6, 1861 – May 17, 1945) Jefferson Davis Carpenter, known alternately as “The King of Rome” died in Dix County Illinois. Jefferson married Lucinda Catherine Osborn (March 29, 1865 – December 10, 1937) on November 3, 1882. Lucinda is buried at the Little Grove Cemetery in Walnut Hill Illinois.

(f) Josephine Carpenter (C1864 -)

(g) Frank Carpenter (C1874 – 1945)

(6) Susan Carpenter (June 6, 1834 – September 20, 1907) ¹⁴⁹ died in Jefferson County Illinois. Susan married Harrison Marion Hawker (September 24, 1835 - April 8, 1891) on March 6, 1857 in Jefferson County Illinois. Both are buried at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Jefferson County Illinois. Their children:

(a) William F. Hawker (C1857 -)

(b) Moses Hawker (C1859 -)

(c) Samuel L. Hawker (October 1863 -) Samuel married Louisa E. Wilson (May 1878 -) on February 22, 1899 in Jefferson County Illinois.

¹⁴⁹ A notation without explanation in Descendants, p. 7, states that Susan is shown in the 1900 Census born August 1839.

(d) Sarah J. Hawker (C1864 -) married John L. Tate February 14 1900 in Jefferson County Illinois.

(e) Mary E. Hawker (March 28, 1868 – October 2, 1889) Mary married Eli W. Allen (December 1864 -) on April 28, 1888 In Jefferson County Illinois.

(7) Robert Carpenter (C1837 -) Robert married Lydia Gray (August 29, 1843 – December 3, 1878) on March 22, 1860. Their children were:

- (a) Louisa W. Carpenter (March 9, 1861 – February 26, 1863)
- (b) Emma Isabelle Carpenter (C1863 -) Emma married Jap Harvey.
- (c) Clarence Seward Carpenter (C1865 -)
- (d) William L. Carpenter (C1867 -) William married Cora Frances Warren (C1871 -) in Jefferson County Illinois on August 15, 1888.
- (e) Amos Carpenter (C1868 -)
- (f) Mary A. Carpenter (C1869 – before 1880)
- (g) George Carpenter (July 12, 1872 – August 24, 1879)
- (h) Mahulda Carpenter (C1872 -)
- (i) Ona Carpenter (May 28, 1874 – October 3, 1875)
- (j) Arney Carpenter (C1875 -)
- (k) Norah Carpenter (C1876 -) was born in Jefferson County Illinois. She married William Wesley Owens (C1869 -) about 1894.

Robert married (2) Nancy E. Leonard (April 6, 1839 – October 14, 1906) on April 7, 1879. Robert married (3) Mary M. Roth on January 1, 1884. Robert married all three wives in Marion County Illinois.

(7) Betsy Carpenter (C1840 -)

(8) Permelia Carpenter (C1842 – September 1, 1907)¹⁵⁰ was born in Wlison County Tennessee and died in Jefferson County Illinois. She died of Cancer. Permelia married James Hiram Tinsley (C1837 – August 29, 1878), a Civil War veteran, on February 24, 1859 in Jefferson County. Their children:

- (a) Mary Alice Tinsley (C1859 – February 3, 1900) Mary was born in Jefferson County Illinois. She married (1) Cyrus J. Hughes (C1855 -) on March 21, 1875 in Jefferson County and (2) William John Eller (C1852 -) on March 11, 1879.
- (b) Nancy Jane Tinsley (C1862 – September 5, 1876)
- (c) John Thomas Tinsley (June 1864 – January 16, 1839) was born in Jefferson County Illinois. He married Malinda Ellen Prosise (March 1866 – 1943). Both are buried at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Jefferson County.
- (d) Sarah Elizabeth Tinsley (C1866 – August 17, 1866)

¹⁵⁰ Descendants, p. 8, states that according to the 1900 census, Permelia was born in January 1840.

(e) William Wright Tinsley (July 13, 1868 – June 6, 1939) William was born in Jefferson County Illinois. He married Nancy Ann Chapman (December 12, 1871 – January 19, 1956) on March 29, 1888.

(f) James Edgar Tinsley (July 12, 1871 – August 22, 1886)

(g) Dorah A. Tinsley (October 9, 1873 -)

(h) Charles Jacob Tinsley (August 27, 1877 – April 18, 1956) was born in Rome, Jefferson County Illinois. He married (1) Anna Kaus (1880 -) on April 16, 1899 and (2) Etta Mae Prosisé (April 1883 -) on October 26, 1902 in Jefferson County. Both are buried at the Ebenezer Cemetery.

2. **JOHN BLAND** (1754 – before December 21, 1809) John was the second son of Merritt and Sarah Bland. He married Sally Burnett (c1776 - 1810) in Mecklenburg County Virginia April 22, 1794. Sally married (2) James Goodwin in Rutherford County Tennessee on December 21, 1809. Guardians for the children of John and Sally were appointed January 8, 1811 in Rutherford County Tennessee.¹⁵¹

3. **ANN BLAND** Ann appears in Merritt Bland's will as Ann Russell. a son Thomas Russell is also mentioned in the will.

4. **MARTHA BLAND** Martha is mentioned in Merritt Bland's will. One source shows her married to Nathan Blodgett.¹⁵²

5. **ELIZABETH BLAND** Elizabeth is mentioned in Merritt Bland's will.

ISAAC AND ELLIOT BLAND FROM KING AND QUEEN COUNTY VIRGINIA

1. **ISAAC BLAND** (1798-1868). Isaac was the son of William Bland (C1768-1838) and Susan Corr from the family in King and Queen County Virginia. Isaac and his brother Elliott moved to Tennessee and were inducted into the Second Tennessee Militia at Gallatin on July 14, 1836 for service in the Second Seminole War. Isaac married Lucy Wright of Davidson County Tennessee on July 20, 1827. Isaac was enumerated with his second wife in Sumner County Tennessee at dwelling 132 for the 1850 census. With Lucy Wright Isaac had a the following children:¹⁵³

¹⁵¹ Rutherford County Tennessee Order Book January 8, 1811, orders John Hill and Theophilus Cannon to settle with Reuben Burnett, who is the guardian for the children of John Bland and Sally Burnett Goodwin. AC 5-2, p. 20. Francis Bland of Paragould Arkansas long believed that he descended from this family through John Bland and thus contributed significantly to what we know about it. Later, he realized that the Mecklenburg County family was not his, and that he had incorrectly linked the later Blands of Rutherford County Tennessee with the Mecklenburg County Family, when in fact he descended from a family in Amherst County Virginia (AC 15-17, pp. 152-160 and below pp.)

¹⁵² Family Group Sheet of Gail Riker, April 1981.

¹⁵³ See AC 7-1, pp. 3-5 and AC 9-1, pp. 23-24. Caroline Bland (C1828-) and William Bland (C1828 -) were enumerated in dwelling 45 in Sumner County in 1850. They were living with John Stalcup, age 52, a Methodist Minister., born in North Carolina. I note them here because it is possible that (A) William is a son of

- A. SILAS BLAND (C1830-). Silas married Emily Hall, September 23, 1856. Silas was enumerated in the 1870 census for Sumner County Tennessee.

Lucy Wright died about 1834 and on February 16, 1837, Isaac married Paralee Sanders or Saunders (1810-) in Sumner County Tennessee, with whom he had a family that included:

- (B) ELIZABETH BLAND (C1837-1914), who married Hiram William Beasley.

- (C) MARTHA ANN BLAND (C1838-), who married Jefferson T. Hanner on June 22, 1857.

- (D) ALEXANDER BLAND (1842-living in 1880), who married Leticia Wallace, May 30, 1865. Their children were:

- (1) Adam Bland
- (2) Sarah E. Bland
- (3) Isaac Bland

- (E) SOPHRONIA BLAND (1843 -)

- (F) THOMAS JEFFERSON BLAND (December 12, 1854 – February 7, 1940), married Sallie Ann Dennis (January 15, 1849 – March 21, 1913) about 1875.

(1) Joseph Lee Bland (January 4, 1877 - October 13, 1955).¹⁵⁴ Joseph Lee Bland married Carrie Merrill Allen (August 31, 1875 – January 4, 1964), on May 12, 1897. Carrie was born and died in Nashville Tennessee . Joseph was born in Auburn Town, Cannon County Tennessee. He worked as a Real Estate broker in Nashville. After Carrie's death, Joseph moved to St. Petersburg Florida, where he died. Joseph and Carrie had two children:

(a) Thomas Allen Bland, (July 15, 1898 - January 2, 1988). Thomas married Mary Ruth Jackson (April 23, 1904 -) on August 15, 1924, at Los Angeles California¹⁵⁵

(b) Elizabeth Rachel Bland (May 7, 1909 - November 12, 1952). Elizabeth married Wayland G. Jones, June 22, 1930.

them here because it is possible that (A) William is a son of Isaac Bland and Lucy Wright (William was the name of the father of Isaac Bland) and Caroline his wife, or both may be Isaac's children.

¹⁵⁴ A Family Bible Record in Possession of Ruth Bland White of Gallatin County Tennessee shows Thomas Jefferson born December 15, 1850 and Joseph Lee Bland born January 10, 1876.

¹⁵⁵ The single child of Thomas Allen Bland and Mary Ruth Jackson was Ruth Carolyn Bland White, my correspondent.

(F) GERTRUDE BLAND (C1854 -), married Willis Bagwell, January 22, 1874.

2. ELLIOT BLAND (1813-1896) was Isaac Bland's younger brother and especially close to him. He was also the son of William Bland (C1768-1838) and Susan Corr of King and Queen County Virginia. He was described by a family historian as the "runt" of the family, a short and wiry man with dark brown wavy hair and blue eyes. He always wore a white shirt with a bow tie and refused to wear patched trousers. This kind of fastidiousness bespeaks the refusal to yield to the sorrows of a hard life. After the death of Susan Corr, October 11 1813, Elliot's step mother, Ann Shaw, left little Elliot in the care of a negro mammy "Black Sadie"¹⁵⁶ to be raised with Sadie's children. Isaac rescued Elliot from this situation, and thus earned his deep devotion. William Bland, Elliot's father, became impoverished in trade with the British and was forced to indenture Elliot as a shoemaker's apprentice at age fourteen. Elliot completed the apprenticeship in 1834 but resented having been known as a "bound boy" so in 1834-1835, as soon as he was free from the indenture, he left Virginia to join Isaac in Sumner County Tennessee. There, Elliott was inducted into the Second Tennessee Militia on July 14, 1836, along with Isaac Bland and he did service in the Second Seminole War. In November 1839, he married Virginia Adeline Clay of Sumner County Tennessee (1818-1862) on December 4, 1835. By the time of his marriage, Elliot had moved to Tennessee. In 1838, his father died and Elliott returned to Virginia for the funeral. After his return, Elliott and Adeline moved to Humansville, Calloway County Missouri, where all their children save Jonathan Clay Bland, were born. Excepting for a venture into California during 1849-1853, Elliot stayed close to Humansville until the coming of the Civil War and the death of Adeline Clay in 1861. In what Elliott and Adeline must have likened to the sorrows of Job, they lost six of their eleven children in early childhood. They were parents of:¹⁵⁷

(A) JONATHAN CLAY BLAND (1838-1854)

(B) MARTHA ANN "PUSS" BLAND (1839-1918) who married (1st) Hiram Moore Woodward on November 3, 1857 and (2nd) James Almon Bengé about 1872. She was the mother of Mrs. Stokes, who describes Martha as having wavy brown hair curled into ringlets on her forehead, and hazel eyes. Martha's birth was the reason her parents decided to stay at Humansville, where they had to stop so that Adeline could give birth to Martha. A bachelor who owned the cabin where she was born premature, called Martha "no bigger than a pussy kitten" creating a nickname "puss" that stuck with her all her life. Hiram Moore Woodward died in 1869, leaving Martha with two children:

¹⁵⁶ Ooooooh!!!. If you aren't a good boy, Black Sadie will get you.

¹⁵⁷ Margaret Kelley of Sedalia Missouri provided information about Elliot Bland from a book by Elliot's granddaughter Virginia Bengé Stokes Genealogy of the Bland and Bengé Families• (ND).

(1) Susan Adeline Woodward

(2) Eulalia Monroe Woodward

On September 22, 1872, Martha Bland Woodward remarried to James Almon Bengé, (1828-1882). They had a single child:

(3) Martha Virginia Bengé, (1873-), who married John Richard Stokes October 22, 1895. Martha Virginia was Mrs. Stokes' ancestor and she and her husband cared for old Elliot Bland during the last year of his life.

(C) SUSAN VIRGINIA BLAND (1842-1923) who married Henderson Moore on November 2, 1865.

(D) MARY ADALINE BLAND (1845-1934) who married Logan Vann, and moved with him to California.

(E) SARAH LUCRETIA BLAND (1848-1935), who married Julius Fay.

(F) GEORGE BLAND (C1849-) died in infancy.

(G) FLORENCE EULALIA BLAND (1853-1860).

(H) WILLIAM BLAND (1855-1861);

(I) ROBERT BLAND (1857-1860)

(J) Finis Bland (1861-1862). It is possible that the birth of the poetically named Finis Bland led to his mother's death.¹⁵⁸

ARTHUR BLAND FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO MCNAIRY COUNTY TENNESSEE

1. ARTHUR BLAND¹⁵⁹ (1794 - post 1850) was born in North Carolina and was living at McNairy County Tennessee in 1850, at Dwelling 991. He died at Montezuma, McNairy County. Arthur married his first wife Elizabeth Waddle in Guilford County North Carolina on September 9, 1818. Elizabeth's dates are not certain but it should be assumed that she died about 1839/1840, for the 1850 census shows James Bland, (1841 -), an affirmed child

¹⁵⁸ Considerable information was provided about Elliot Bland by his descendant Margaret Kelley of Sedalia Missouri, through Virginia Bengé Stokes, Comp., Genealogy of the Bland and Bengé Families, Vol. 1, (ND), (AC 6-2, pp. 3-5).

¹⁵⁹ AC 5-2, pp. 32-33 and AC 18, p. 99. Inez Turner, Hope Arkansas, was the historian of this family.

of Arthur Bland by his second wife Elizabeth Ingraham Murrill, divorced widow of a "terrible outlaw" John A. Murrill. The second Elizabeth's dates are (1807 -). Arthur's children by his two wives were:

By Elizabeth Waddle:

(A) CHARLES BLAND (c1822 -) Charles was enumerated as a blacksmith in the 1850 census for McNairy Tennessee in dwelling 1024, and married to Martha _____ (C1829 -) Both Charles and Martha were born in North Carolina.

(B) ROBERT BLAND (1826 -), Robert was born in Tennessee and was enumerated in the 1850 census of McNairy County in dwelling 992. There is a story that many of Arthur's children by Elizabeth Waddle were so offended by their father's marriage to Elizabeth I. Murrill that they removed to Arkansas. Not Robert, who not only remained in Tennessee but married Elizabeth Murrill's daughter Arthusa or Arthusy (1833 -) about 1848 and had by her¹⁶⁰

(1) Sarah Bland (1849 -)

(2) John J. Bland (1850 -)

(3) Elizabeth Bland (1853 -)

(4) Rachael Bland (1859 -).

(C) THOMAS M. BLAND (C1827 -) was born in Tennessee and was enumerated as a blacksmith in the 1850 census of McNairy County Tennessee in dwelling 997. He was married to a woman named Charity _____ (C1823 -). Later he went to Arkansas and married a "spit-fire type" of woman named Ann, who caused him his share of misery. Ann resented the high falutin' airs put on by the Blands. It seems that Tom cherished a tin-type that showed some of his Bland relatives back in Virginia in association with the Washington family. One day Ann had enough of this picture and tossed it into the fire, emotionally wounding old Tom, "grieving him terribly."¹⁶¹

(D) JOHN BLAND

¹⁶⁰ Here is what I think an intriguing question: if Arthusa or Arthusy is a way of feminizing the name Arthur, who was Arthusa's father?

¹⁶¹ Inez Turner, who has relatives who remembered Tom and Ann, says "I don't know how Tom was so calm, he was though."

(E) MORRIS BREWER BLAND (December 12, 1829 – May 2, 1902) came from North Carolina.¹⁶² Morris died in Benton County Tennessee. Interestingly, he is found in Wilson County Tennessee in the 1850 Census, enumerated in household 283 with James Landell, an 81 year old man from North Carolina. This might seem to be a tenuous connection with the large Mecklenburg County Virginia family that migrated to Wilson County (see pp. 80-104) and in fact migrated in similar fashion to Arkansas, but Morris seemed to be living apart from them and may in fact have been in transit.¹⁶³ Morris moved his children out of Tennessee and to Butlerville in Lonoke County Arkansas in the early 1860s. Morris married Jane Hannah Haner or Hamilton (C1834 -) on August 1, 1852 and they had the following children:¹⁶⁴

(1). Sarah Elizabeth Bland (June 16, 1853 -)¹⁶⁵ maybe Morris' daughter by a prior marriage.

(2) Virginia Ann Bland (November 24, 1854 - June 10, 1880).

(3) Robert Brewer Bland (C1855 – September 1873).

(4) James b. Bland (August 30, 1857 – July 2, 1858).

(5) Arthur Brewer Bland (March 24, 1859 - died in 1930s).

(6) Robert Riley Bland (January 16, 1861 – August 18, 1862).

(7) John Retherford Grant Bland (August 13, 1863 - February 10, 1947) was born in Benton County Tennessee and died at Cabot, Lonoke County Arkansas. John married Margaret Della Warmack or Womack (January 2, 1869 - July 4, 1952) on February 13, 1887. Their children were:

¹⁶² According to Alice Branch, E-Mail to Charles L. Bland, January 27, 2003, Morris Brewer's family originated in Virginia. The 1850 Census for Wilson County Tennessee finds him with Tennessee as his birthplace.

¹⁶³ James Landell may offer some clue to Morris' wife.

¹⁶⁴ I am grateful for critical input for this section from Alice Branch of Madisonville Louisiana who helped to identify Morris Brewer Bland and George Washington Bland as brothers and thus to merge the two lines. AC 5-2, p. 34. This information was sent to me by the late Marian Daniels, San Benito Texas, based on information received from Mrs. Ophelia Bland, Mission Texas, a bible record written by John Retherford Grant Bland at Cabot Arkansas on April 19, 1905. A second key document is an E-mail to me from Alice Branch, January 27, 2003; a third key document is an E-mail from Jerrel Bland, Seattle Washington, August 29, 2002 and a written note at about the same date. Finally, a family group also from Jerrel Bland which seems to have benefited of the 1900 Census and a number of older, handwritten letters from ancestors, hereafter called Jerrel Bland. The John Bland bible record calls Jane Hanna's maiden name Haner, but Alice Branch calls it Hamilton.

¹⁶⁵ The John Bland Bible record says 1850, Alice Branch, E-Mail to Charles L. Bland, January 27, 2003, says 1853. Since Morris and Jane were married in 1852, the later date makes sense.

(4) James B. Bland (August 30, 1857 – July 2, 1858).

(5) Arthur Brewer Bland (March 24, 1859 - died in 1930s).

(6) Robert Riley Bland (January 16, 1861 – August 18, 1862).

(7) John Retherford Grant Bland (August 13, 1863 - February 10, 1947) was born in Benton County Tennessee and died at Cabot, Lonoke County Arkansas. John married Margaret Della Warmack or Womack (January 2, 1869 - July 4, 1952) on February 13, 1887. Their children were:

(a) Rachel Bland (November 30, 1887 – April 26, 1963) Rachel married (1st) Henry Clay Ewing in 1913. Their only child was:

1. Pauline Ewing (October 12, 1915 -) Pauline was born at Argenta, North Little Rock Arkansas. She married Charles William McNealy on November 7 _____. And she lived with him at Sedalia Missouri.¹⁶⁶

(b) Robert Bland (June 4, 1889 – May 16, 1973) died at Cedar Grove Arkansas. Robert married (1st) Ruth _____. They had the following children.

1. Lillian May Bland (October 14, 1920 -) married Milburn Ray Chumley (February 7, 1921 -)¹⁶⁷

2. O'Neal Bland

3. Jesse Bland

4. William Bland

(2nd) Robert married Lillie _____ and they had

5. Rozell Bland (April 2, 1927 -) who married Jimmy Davis in 1950. They were married in Arkansas but moved to California in 1955 and then returned to Arkansas in 1971.¹⁶⁸

(c) Ethel Bland (November 10, 1890 – January 4, 1929) died at Bayoumeto in Jacksonville County Arkansas. Ethel married Vender Earl Holt. Their children were:

1. Edward Earl "Bill" Holt (1916-1974

2 L.D. Holt lived in Little Rock Arkansas. L.D. married Marguerite _____. They had two daughters.¹⁶⁹

¹⁶⁶ Undated letter from Pauline Ewing McNealy, attached to Jerrel Bland.

¹⁶⁷ Undated letter from Lillian Mae Bland Chumley, attached to Jerrel Bland

¹⁶⁸ Undated letter from Rozell Bland Davis, attached to Jerrel Bland.

¹⁶⁹ Undated letter from L.D. Holt, attached to Jerrel Bland.

3. Nyna Marie Holt lived in Little Rock Arkansas. Nyna lived in Pulaski County Arkansas. She married Carroll Charles Lee on May 27, 1944. Nyna and Carroll lived in Texas but returned to Little Rock.¹⁷⁰

(d) Marshall Bland (October 5, 1892 – April 28, 1980) Marshall married Helen Chandler (- 1977) on May 27, 1919 in Little Rock Arkansas. They lived in St. Louis Missouri at least part of their married life. Marshall and Helen had:

1. Dorothy Louise Bland (1920 -) Dorothy married Robert Henry Koehler (- 1981) in 1940 and they had one child.¹⁷¹

(e) Flora Jane Bland (March 20, 1894 – November 25, 1946) Jane died at Sumner in Cabot County Arkansas. She married Otha A. Hammons. They had a child:

1. Harold Austin Hammons (C1921 - 1980)
2. James Lee Hammons (July 12, 1933 -) James was born at Little Rock Arkansas. He married Pauline Harbour. They had four children. They lived at little Rock.

(f) Ida Lee Bland (February 23, 1896 – March 19, 1953) Died at Little Rock Arkansas. Ida married Arthur Webb.

(g) Laura Bland (April 23, 1898 -) Laura married Bill Shuttle (- July 1950) They had three children:

1. Billy Shuttle
2. Charles Shuttle
3. Gene Shuttle

(h) Alice Bland (August 21, 1899 – May 9, 1904)

(i) Thomas Bland (June 29, 1902 – November 14, 1979) was born in Big Sandy on the border between Benton and Henry County's Tennessee and died in Mission Texas. who married Ophelia Selvidge (November 11, 1908 -) on November 28, 1925 in Walnut Ridge Arkansas. Their children were:

1. Rosalie Bland (February 17, 1927 -) married Charles Wallace Walker
2. Jerrel Glen Bland (February 24, 1930 -) married Beatrice Anne Storrs (December 5, 1931 -)¹⁷² They had three daughters.
3. Ronald Gene Bland (August 5, 1944 -) married Sheri Albreht
4. Jimmy Bland
5. Edna Bland

¹⁷⁰ Undated Letter from Nyna Marie Holt Lee, written about 1987.

¹⁷¹ Undated letter from Dorothy Louise Bland Koehler, attached to Jerrel Bland.

¹⁷² Family Group Chart prepared, I think, by Jerrel Bland, my correspondent.

(j) Gertrude Bland (April 24, 1905 - May 16, 1980) married Carl Ballard. They had:

1. Frances Ballard (May 8, 1921 -) who married Arvid Reiter. They lived in Birch Run Michigan.¹⁷³
2. Mildred Ballard (April 23, 1923 -) Mildred married Barney C. Burnette Jr. They moved to California but returned to Arkansas.
3. James H. "Jimmy" Ballard (September 2, 1928 -) married Neva C. Mackinson. James was a farmer near Beedeville Arkansas.

(k) Marvin Bland (July 1, 1907 -)

(l) Fred "Fredy" Bland (July 19, 1910 - July 25, 1910)

(m) Nettie Bland (1911 -)

(8). William Schuyler Bland (December 3, 1868 - August 24, 1957) William was born in Big Sandy in Henry or Benton County Tennessee and he lived also in at Pidgeon Roost, near Butlerville, Lonoke County Arkansas. In his working life, he was an employee of the L&N Railroad. He married Martha Ann Bass (February 4, 1870 - February 24, 1938) in Arkansas in the late 1800s. They had seven children:¹⁷⁴

- (a) Johnnie Bland (April 12, 1897 - August 24, 1963) is buried in the Antioch Cemetery in Antioch Arkansas.
- (b) Albert Bland Poor Albert was murdered they say when he came upon some men at a still and they killed him and buried him in the woods somewhere. His body was never found.
- (c) Jane "Janie" Nancy Bland (February 20, 1900 - February 6, 1962) Jane was a school teacher who never married. She is buried at the Butlerville Arkansas, Cemetery.
- (d) Minnie Lee Bland (November 25, 1904 - May 6, 1968)
- (e) Cecil Rose Bland (August 15, 1908 - February 2, 1996) is buried at the Butlerville Cemetery.¹⁷⁵
- (f) Ona Mae Bland (July 5, 1910 - November 21, 1990) is buried at the Butlerville Arkansas Cemetery.
- (g) Eva Bland (August 2, 1916 - August 15, 1991) is buried at the Butlerville cemetery. She married _____ Fegert.

¹⁷³ Note by Frances Bland Reiter attached to Jerrel Bland.

¹⁷⁴ The seven children are identified in E-Mail, Alice Branch to Charles L. Bland, July 1, 2005. Alternate spellings are Skyler and Scholar. Alice Branch to Charles L. Bland, E-mail January 27, 2003 The John Bland Bible called him Skyler while Mr. Branch called him "Scholar" but then Schuyler in an e-mail dated June 25, 2005.

¹⁷⁵ Cecil is the mother of my correspondent Alice Branch.

(9) George Thomas Bland (October 8, 1872 - died in the 1930s) lived in Tennessee.

(10) Mary Evoline Bland (October 17, 1874 -)¹⁷⁶

(F) GEORGE WASHINGTON BLAND (September 14, 1831 - October 27, 1905) was enumerated as a laborer living in the household of Thomas Burkhead, a 36 year old farmer from North Carolina, in dwelling 981 in the 1850 census for McNairy County Tennessee. George married Margaret Jane Muse (August 28, 1835 - January 4, 1925) on May 31, 1852. George migrated to Prairie County Arkansas, adjacent to Pulaski, (later divided into Lonoke) and established the Bland Chapel. George also served in the Confederate Army, enlisting January 20/29 1863 as a private in Company D, 8th Cavalry Regiment of Arkansas. He was captured by the Yanks at Little Rock, September 9, 1863 and languished in a POW camp at Indianapolis Indiana until May 18, 1865. By family tradition, he was wounded and carried a bullet in his body for the rest of his life. Children of George Washington Bland and Margaret Jane Muse were:¹⁷⁷

(1) Elizabeth Bland (December 15, 1859 - July 17, 1947), great grandmother of Inez Turner. Elizabeth married (1st) Harvey Bass (1854-1881) and (2nd) Mr. Ellis.

(2) (6) John Bland (1861 - 1953) married Lue _____. (1866 - 1935) about 1887 I am assigning the following children to John and Luer, based on proximity in the Butlerville cemetery and I await the angel who will correct my reasoning:

(a) Harris Bland (May 1, 1888 - September 24, 1958) married Vera _____ (November 13, 1892 - September 20, 1954). They had a son Robert Dewitt Bland (January 15, 1915 - October 29, 1981).

(b) Richard Bland (1889 -) married Alice A. _____ (1888-1953)

(c) Claudie Bland (1892-1939)

(d) Bulah Bland (May 23, 1893 - May 4, 1919)

(e) Finis Bland December 10, 1903 - June 14, 1990)

(3) Ella Bland, who married Mr. Morrison.

(4) Rachel Bland, who married Mr. Carpenter.

(5) Thomas Jefferson Bland (1868 - 1940) married Annie L. _____ (1867 - 1939). They had:

(a) Mary M. Bland (December 9, 1892 - August 2, 1899)

¹⁷⁶ E-Mail, Alice Branch to Charles L. Bland, January 27, 2003.

¹⁷⁷ I am grateful to Alice Branch for Butlerville and Sylvania Cemetery records, p. 13, in which George Washington Bland and Margaret Jane Muse are buried along with children John Bland, Thomas Jefferson Bland, Charles A. Bland and George Gaston Bland and in some cases their wives and children.

(b) Callie M. Bland (August 6, 1894 – July 18, 1900)

(6) George Gaston Bland (1868-1952) possibly a twin of Thomas Jefferson Bland married Dolly B. _____ (August 18, 1875 - March 9, 1913)

(7) Mariah Bland, who married Mr. Bass.

(8) Nancy T. Bland (January 18, 1874 – January 18, 1874)

(9) Charles A. Bland (November 17, 1877 – November 13, 1956) married Ella E. _____ (September 22, 1886 - December 7, 1973)

Two boys were buried in the Butlerville cemetery whose parentage cannot be identified: Tommy Bland (August 8, 1911 – October 28, 1916) and Alfred J. Bland (February 29, 1918 – February 29, 1980). Alfred was a veteran of World War II.

(G) EMMELINE BLAND (1834 -) Emmeline was enumerated in 1850 in her father's household as well as the following younger siblings.

(H) ARTHUR BLAND (1838 -)

Children of Arthur Bland by Elizabeth Ingraham Murrill:¹⁷⁸

(I) JAMES BLAND (1841 -)

(J) WILLIAM H. BLAND (1843 -)

(K) MARY E. BLAND (1845 -)

JOHN BLAND FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO MARSHALL COUNTY TENNESSEE

Marshall County is in central Tennessee, formed in 1836 from Gilles, Lincoln, Bedford and Maury Counties. The 1850 census shows the following families in close proximity, headed by John Bland (C1776/1777 -) with four younger men. The coherence of this group is validated by the entire family's move to Franklin County, adjacent to the east of Lincoln County, suggesting an extended family relationship.¹⁷⁹

¹⁷⁸ See Robert Bland (B) above and his wife Arthusy or Arthusa Murrill. By looking at dates and considering the supposed resentment of the older children for Elizabeth Ingraham Murrill, there is at least an inference that Arthusa Murrill is the daughter of Arthur Bland and Elizabeth Murrill.

¹⁷⁹ AC 4-1, p. 24.

1. JOHN BLAND (C1776/1777 -) born in North Carolina with Lucinda Anna (C1776/1777-) , born in Virginia, living in dwelling 313 in 1850, with Lucinda J. Bland (C1824 -) who must have married about 1795/1796. By 1860, John and Lucinda were in Franklin County Tennessee along with their children:

A. WILLIAM BLAND (C1796 -) Born North Carolina suggests he may be an older son of John and Lucinda Anna Bland. In 1870, he was living with Jonathan Bland most likely a younger brother, in Lincoln County Tennessee. In the 1860 Census, William showed no wife living with him but two children, who may be the youngest that have not yet left the household.

(1) Jackson Bland (C1842 -) Born NC

(2) Adaline Bland (C 1844 -) Born NC

B. JONATHAN N. BLAND (October 25, 1812 – 1895) born in North Carolina, and died in Abilene, Taylor County Texas while visiting his son William Perry Bland . According to one source, Jonathan traveled to Virginia via Bland County Virginia.¹⁸⁰ Jonathan lived in dwelling 314 in the 1850 Census. He was in Marshall County by 1840. By 1870, he was enumerated in Boonshill, Lincoln County Tennessee He married Lucy Ann Tuley, (C1822 – October 14, 1878) born in Tennessee on July 31, 1838. Lucy is buried at the Tuley Cemetery near Delina, Lincoln County Tennessee Jonathan and Lucy had the following children:¹⁸¹

(1) James H. Bland (C1839 – May 31, 1862) James was killed at the battle of Seven Pines in The Civil War.

(2) Preston Monroe Bland (July 26, 1845 – November 21, 1918) married Martha V. Jones (April 19, 1854 - 1926) on January 7, 1875. Poor old Preston died of dropsy. Both Preston and Martha are buried at Wrights Cemetery in Lincoln County Tennessee.¹⁸² The children of Preston Monroe Bland and Martha V. Jones, all born in Tennessee, were:¹⁸³

(a) Elizabeth J. "Betty" Bland (1878 -)

(b) Mattie M. Bland (March, 1881-)

(c) James M. Bland (April, 1884 -)

¹⁸⁰ AC 3-1, p. 42, reference to a letter from Mary Gatlin to Edith Lanning.

¹⁸¹ AC 3-2, P. 41. E-Mail, Diane Tipton to Charles L. Bland, July 1 and July 6 2005, locates the Tuley Cemetery 1 ¼ miles from Delina in Lincoln County in the mouth of Dyer Hollow.

¹⁸² Diane Tipton cites the Fayetteville Observer, November 28, 1918, Page 4, Col. 1, and Tennessee State Library and Archives. E-Mail to Charles L. Bland, July 6, 2005. A daughter of Preston and Martha, Maudie Bland (1886-1945) was the mother of Mary Gatlin.

¹⁸³ E-Mail, Diane Tipton to Charles L. Bland, July 6, 2005, citing Ancestry.Com, The Research of Will Johnson, professional genealogist (2003). Diane notes that she has not verified Johnson's research. .

- (d) Maud A. Bland (September 1886 -)
- (e) George E. Bland (November 1888 -)
- (f) Hattie B. Bland (October 1893 -)
- (g) Pinky J. Bland (March 1896 -)
- (h) John H. Bland (February 1898)

(3) William Perry Bland (November 1847 - 1925) was born in Tennessee and died in Hunt County Texas, where he moved sometime before 1870. He is buried at the McWright Cemetery in Hunt County. My correspondent Diane Tipton says she has been told that William Perry Bland never married. Drat!

(4) Jonathan Franklin Bland (May 26, 1850 – November 9, 1892) married Martha E. Collins (C1855-1935) on September 12, 1872. Jonathan moved to Hunt County Texas sometime before 1870.

(5) Malinda Bland (C1853 – before 1870) ¹⁸⁴

(6) Eli Alexander Bland (C1856-) born in Tennessee.

(7) S.L. Elizabeth Bland (C1857 -) born in Tennessee

(8) Lee A. Bland (June 14, 1860 - October 24, 1893) was born in Tennessee and died in Hunt County Texas, where he moved before 1870. Lee married Harriet "Hattie" Grotts on March 31, 1889. After Lee died, Harriet married his cousin Tobe W. Bland. Children of Lee Bland and Harriet Grotts were:

(a) Albert lee Bland (June 24, 1891 – February 1, 1922) died of appendicitis. He married Ada Maude Murdock on April 3, 1911 in Hunt County Texas. ¹⁸⁵

(b) James Fletcher Bland (March 7, 1892 – February 5, 1958) died in Greenville, Hunt County Texas. He married Lora Faye Beezley on December 23, 1906. They had two children.

(9) D. Adaliza or Delina Bland (C1862 -)

Also living with Jonathan is Elizabeth Tuley (probably Lucy's mother) (C1784 -)

¹⁸⁴ Diane Tipton indicates that she found a marriage record for Malinda Bland in 1899, marrying M.G. Ellis in Bowie County Texas, in the far northeaster part of the state. This seems doubtful. This Malinda may be situated in the family of Abel Bland that was discussed in AC 19/20, pp. 139-156.

¹⁸⁵ E-Mail, Diane Tipton to Charles L. Bland, July 6, 2005. Lee Bland Albert and Maude had four daughters, including Selva, Ruth Faye, Lois lee and Edna Earl Bland, who was Diane Tipton's mother.

C. JOHN L. BLAND (C1814/1816 -) born in Tennessee, is enumerated in dwelling 328 in the 1850 census. His wife is Mary (1816-) born in Tennessee. They were married about 1837. Their children were:

- (1) Mary S. Bland (C1838-)
- (2) John W. Bland (C1843/1844-) Diane believes John married Julia C or D. _____ and had the following children.
 - (a) Tobe W. Bland (C1869 - 1926) born in Tennessee. Tobe is buried with Hattie Bland, whose first husband was Tobe's cousin Lee Bland (C1860-1893, B (8)) above.
 - (b) Thomas Bland (C1872 -) born in Tennessee.
 - (c) Mamie Bland (C1874 -) born in Georgia.
 - (d) Molly Bland (C1876 -) born in Georgia.
- (3) Thomas Bland (C1847-)
- (4) Zachary T. Bland (C1848/1849 -)

D. THOMAS BLAND (C1819 -) born in Tennessee, lives in dwelling 315 as enumerated in the 1850 census. He is married to Mary A. (C1829 -) from Tennessee, married about 1847 and living in Marshall both 1850 and 1860 with children:

- (1) Mary L. Bland (C1848 -)
- (2) Rhoda Bland (C1851-)
- (3) Margaret Bland (C1854-)
- (4) Rebecca Bland (C1855-)
- (5) Samuel W. Bland (C1857-)
- (6) Emeranda Bland (C1858-)
- (7) Thomas L. Bland (C1860-)

**THE BLANDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY TENNESSEE
AND BLOUNT/CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA**

This needs some work but as a potential family structure could be useful:

A. MARY BLAND (C1790 -) born in South Carolina was enumerated in dwelling 1412 In Lincoln County Tennessee in 1850, born in South Carolina, who was still in Lincoln County in 1860. In 1850 she lived in dwelling 1412 as head of household with Mary Bland (C1817 -). born in Tennessee. This would most likely mean Mary the older was a widow and Mary the younger her daughter.

B. ELIZABETH BLAND (1790/1800 -) In the Blount County Alabama Census, Elizabeth was head of household with a family that included

C. SAMUEL BLAND (C1803 -) Samuel was living in the household in the household of James Bland in Cullman County Alabama in the 1850 Census (formed from Blount County in 1877). What this usually means is that a wife has died and children have moved away, suggesting Samuel is an older brother of younger children beginning with James (C below) Samuel was born in South Carolina. Blount and Cullman are a short distance directly south of Franklin and Lincoln Counties Tennessee. Samuel appears to have had a family in Tennessee because all three of his brothers were born in Tennessee.¹⁸⁶

D. JAMES BLAND (C1814-) In the 1830 Census, James was living in the household of Elizabeth Blam in Blount County Alabama. James was born in Tennessee and married to Susan Edwards. (C1815 - 1888) about 1834. Census notations about their children suggests that soon after they were married, James and Susan migrated to Blount County Alabama (later Cullman) Their children, all born in Alabama, were:

1. William J. Bland (C1835 -)
2. Peschy Bland (C1837 -)
3. Frances Elizabeth Bland (C1839 -)
4. John Bland (March 26, 1841 - November 25, 1883) John died from a possum bite where he lived in Hopewell in Cullman County Alabama. He married Dice y Basinger (August 6, 1842 – October 27, 1926) about 1869. Their children were:
 - (a) William Henry Bland (April 27, 1870 – June 21, 1948) who married Mary Irene Hestla (1875-1940) on March 15, 1894. They were the parents of seven children.¹⁸⁷

¹⁸⁶ This line was formerly discussed in AC 5-1, pp. 49-50. For much of what I have for this family, I owe a debt to Carol Bland Yust of Oak Ridge Tennessee, which included a key letter from Curtis Bland of Terre Haute Indiana dated November 2, 1939, and to a researcher Marie McLaughlin who researched Alabama for me under sponsorship of a number of Bland Cousins.

¹⁸⁷ Including John Mitchell Bland who married Clara Gladys Jackson, parents of Carol Bland Yust.

- (b) J. Mack Bland (March 4, 1874 – January 31, 1932) who married Dessie Mitchell.
- (c) Kay Bland (- 1920) who married _____ Roden.
- (d) Lawson Bland (January 8, 1881 – November 30, 1955) who married Eva McGlown.
- (e) Clawson Bland (January 8, 1881 – June 11, 1921) an identical twin of Lawson Bland.
- (f) Edna Bland , who married William Weeks.
- (g) Minnie Bland, who married Orland Manning.

- 5. Melton or Houston Bland (C1843 -)¹⁸⁸
- 6. Nelly Bland (C1845 -) married _____ Gassoway.
- 7. Polly Bland (C1847 -) married Marion Matthews.
- 8. Calvin Bland
- 9. Martha Bland married _____ Bryant. .
- 10. Susie Bland married _____ Shannon.
- 11. James Bland married Martha Whaley.

E. GEORGE BLAND (C1817 -) was born in Tennessee and was married to Elizabeth _____ (C1818 -) also born in Tennessee, about 1839. George and Elizabeth seem to have come to Blount County Alabama soon after they were married for they had : six children all born in Alabama:

- (1) Martha Bland (C1840 -)
- (2) Mary Jane Bland (C1842
- (3) John Bland (C1844 -)
- (4) Samuel Bland (C1846 -)
- (5) Sarah Bland (C1848 -)
- (6) James Bland (C1850 -)

¹⁸⁸ Called Houston by Carol Bland Yust. Joyce McCool, E-Mail to Charles L. Bland June 29, 2005, refers to a land grant for Houston Bland, Certificate #23063, T10, R3W dated 1820-1821.

F. WILLIAM BLAND (c1823 -) was born in Tennessee and married Louisa _____ (C1823 -) born in Alabama about 1842. They had one child:

(1) William Bland (C1843 -)

G. CARRIE BLAND was a child age 5-10 in the household of Elizabeth Bland (B above) in the 1830 census of Blount County Alabama, as was: Carrie married John Daly.¹⁸⁹

H. an unknown female

By 1860, Samuel, James and George were gone from Blount County. Only William and his family remained. Miraculously, William and Louisa had advanced in age only three years since 1850 (they were listed as age 30 in the Census) while their son William J. Bland had advanced eleven years from age 7 to 18.

These eight men and women are tantalizing because their could be both mother and father and sibling relationships. What it offers is the possibility that they belonged to a larger family that was born in South Carolina and moved to Tennessee and later, in part, into Blount County Alabama. Consider the following in Lincoln County Tennessee

The 1850 Census of Lincoln County included:

1. SAMUEL BLAND (C1803 -) who lived in dwelling 1229 in 1850, He was from Georgia and was married to Mary (C1806 -) born in Tennessee. Their children, all born in Tennessee, were:

A. MARTHA BLAND (C1831 -)

B. LUCINDA BLAND (C1834 -)

C. JAMES BLAND (C1836 -)

D. JOHN W. BLAND (C1838 -)

E. WILLIAM BLAND (C1840 -)

3. WILLIAM C. BLAND (C1808 -) born Georgia, was the deputy sheriff by 1850. In 1850, he was living in dwelling 1059, and was married to Permelia _____ who was born in South Carolina. In 1860, William and Permelia were in Lawrence County Tennessee, near Wayne and Maury Counties. Their children, all born in Tennessee, were

¹⁸⁹ Joyce Bland McCool claims double descent from Blands, on her maternal side via Carrie Bland. Joyce Bland McCool to Clarice Starling, June 29 and July 8, 2005.

A. JOHN W. BLAND (C1829 -) By 1860, John W. Bland was still in Lincoln County in 1860 with a family that included a wife Martha, (C1835-) and children:

1. Frances Bland (1851
2. William Bland (1853 -)
3. Shelby Bland (1858-

B. GEORGE WASHINGTON BLAND (June 20, 1834 – July 31, 1925) This is hypothetical. And I welcome correction, but we will get nowhere if we hide it under a bushel.¹⁹⁰ Though I seem to have lost touch with her Cousin Pat Leatherman wrote me in August 2001 linking George Washington Bland with “Billy” Bland, no dates provided. Pat claimed to have seen a letter written about 1971, indicating that William had married a woman named Sabra Parrish. Evidently, William left Sabra Parrish after the birth of George Washington Bland Sabra remarried and then remarried again (Pat leatherman did not supply the names of these men but said “we have found her in Lincoln County Tennessee” All of this happened under the horizon of the revealing 1850 census).¹⁹¹ Thus far, it has been impossible to detect George Washington Bland in the Tennessee census for 1850, when he would have been about 16. By 1870, however, his family was in Sharp County Arkansas. According to census records, George was born in Tennessee.¹⁹² George married Sarah Amanda Ring, (December 23, 1843 – August 31, 1916) C1860, when they were enumerated as a couple in Lawrence County, Arkansas.¹⁹³ By 1870 they were in Sharp County Arkansas and remained there in the 1880 Census: Their children, most of whom are buried at Powell’s Chapel Cemetery in Evening Shade, Sharp County Arkansas, included:¹⁹⁴

- (1) May P. Bland (C1862-) born in Arkansas
- (2) Almeda Bland (April 7, 1866-) born in Arkansas¹⁹⁵
- (3) Elizabeth Bland (C1871-) born in Arkansas

¹⁹⁰ Pat Leatherman to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, August 12, 2001.

¹⁹¹ See pp. 69-70 the Addendum for Amherst County Virginia, husband William Bland (1805-1855) with wife Eusba or Zebby.

¹⁹² AC 4-1, pp. 24-27.

¹⁹³ AC 15-17, p. 20, for a picture of George Washington Bland and Sarah Amanda Ring. Also helpful is E-mail, Pat Leatherman to Charles L. Bland May 15, 2000.

¹⁹⁴ Useful documents in establishing this family group include Genforum postings by Carol Akers, December 2, 1997, November 14, 1998, December 6, 1998; Martha Ann Bland, April 28, 1998, Pat Leatherman, September 10, 1998, November 15, 1998. The children may be problematic. Pat Leatherman wrote on April 28, 1998 that she had a letter from the daughter of Martin Texas Bland stating that he was the youngest of the siblings. Pat also was aware that George and Sarah Bland raised a child named Robert lee Byrd after his parents died, and she speculates that ida Alabama and Unis may in fact have been grandchildren. Ida and Unis, however, were identified as identified as daughters and Robert lee as a son in the 1900 census. It is possible that Robert lee Byrd simply too the Bland name.

¹⁹⁵ Pat Leatherman, Genforum Posting, October 10, 1999, provides exact dates for Almeda’s birth.

(4) Martha Bland (C1874-) Born in Arkansas is identified in the 1900 census as age 23 and married to _____ Smith.

(5) Martin Texas "Texcie" Bland (1877-) born in Arkansas, married Allie Mintie.

(6) Ida Alabama Bland (March 23, 1881 – February 11, 1919) Ida is buried at the Maxville Cemetery in Sharp County Arkansas. She married Robert Franklin Robinson and in 1910, they were living in Sullivan, Sharp County Arkansas.

(7) Unis (Eunice) Bland (C1884-)

(8) Robert E. Lee Bland (C1886-)

By Pat Leatherman's construction, William Bland (C1808 -) (#3 above) is the only man by the name in Lincoln County who could have been George Washington's father. Following her story that William abandoned Sabra after George Washington Bland's birth, these first two Bland sons must have been children of Sabra's. The remainder would be the children of Permelia _____ with whom William Bland was enumerated in 1850. But recall what I said, this is only theory so spare my ears. I am pleased to display a photo of the family of George Washington Bland and Sarah Amanda Ring. I can identify George and Sarah Amanda and the man sitting next to Amanda is said to be Martin Texas Bland. There are, apart from George and Sarah Amanda, six adults and several possible younger children, if this photo were made C1890.



B. JAMES BLAND (C1837 -)

C. FRANCES BLAND (C1849)

While theoretical and imprecise, this suggests the possibility of a family that originated in South Carolina, migrated to Georgia, then to Tennessee and then bifurcated, with some members going to Cullman County Alabama. It also may answer a nagging question about the origins of part of the Bland family that moved to Sharp County Arkansas.

Though there is no discernible family connection, it is worthy of note that Robert Bland (C1823 – after 1870) of the Pulaski County Kentucky (family #5, P. 27) moved to Pike County Indiana with his wife Nancy Eaden/Eden Robert and Nancy had two children who moved to Sharp County Arkansas:¹⁹⁶

(1) Derinda Bland (April 26, 1855 – May 31, 1929)¹⁹⁷ Derinda was born in Kentucky and died in Washington, Sharp County Arkansas. She married Origin Robinson (C1845 – before 1900) on February 5, 1871 in Pike County Indiana. They were still in Pike County Indiana in 1880. Origin and Derinda moved to Arkansas about 1894. By 1900, Origin was no longer enumerated with Derinda, who was in Piney Fork in Sharp County as late as 1910. She died in Washington, Sharp County Arkansas. They had six children:¹⁹⁸

- (a) Sarah Robinson (1872 -)
- (b) Robert Franklin Robinson (1872 -)
- (c) Origin Commodore Robinson (1878 -)
- (d) James Willis Robinson (1883 -)
- (e) Charles Matthew Robinson (C1889 -)
- (f) Clarence Louie Robinson (C1893 -)

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

¹⁹⁶ Vu, pp. 479-483 and AC 18, pp. 90-91. Pansylea Willburn, Genforum Posting, December 29, 1998.

¹⁹⁷ Dates for Derinda Bland are provided by Ken Jones, Genforum Posting, September 18, 1998.

¹⁹⁸ Ken Jones, Posting to genforum, September 18, 1998. Carol Akers Genforum Posting December 6, 1998. Carol Akers notes that according to his grandson, Origin Robinson I was born out of wedlock and was indentured to a farmer at age 12. He ran away and joined the Union Army when he was 16. he was captured by the rebels and imprisoned for a time, but that was better than the farmer.

THE BLANDS OF HENRY COUNTY TENNESSEE¹⁹⁹

1. JAMES BLAND (C1797 – before 1875), was born in Tennessee and was living at Henry County Tennessee in dwelling 110 for the 1850 Census. He died in Sebastian County, Arkansas on the western Arkansas border and carved in part from Crawford County in 1851. Henry was married to Kizziah _____ (1805 - before 1875),²⁰⁰ who was born in Tennessee and died in Sebastian County Arkansas. James and Kizziah were certain and likely parents of:

(A) GEORGE PORTER BLAND (January 27, 1826 – February 27, 1877) who lived at dwelling 109 in Henry County, just next to James. George was listed as a farmer, born in Tennessee and married to Pernita Jane Ashlock, (May 9, 1830 - August 29, 1875), whom he married in Henry County, March 1, 1848. Pernita was born possibly in Graves County Kentucky. George and Pernita had children:

(1) Mary Bland (C1849 -) who was 7 months in 1850 and died young.

(2) Henry W. Bland, (August 27, 1851 - October 31, 1890) who was born in Henry County Tennessee and died in Sebastian County Arkansas. Henry married Nancy Nixon in 1873

(3) Nancy Jane Bland, (January 5, 1853 - February 23, 1881), born in Henry County Tennessee and died in Sebastian County Arkansas. Nancy married Thomas A. Thurman.

(4) Betty Bland, (1856 -) born in Henry County, nothing more known.

(5) Pernita Adeline, (1858 - 1897) born in Tennessee and died in Arkansas, married Archibald W. Brewer September 7, 1873.

(6) Tennessee Arkansas Bland, (July 13, 1861 - December 23, 1933), was born in Sebastian County Arkansas and died in Haskell County Oklahoma. Tennessee Arkansas Bland married Thomas Clinton Ary on August 3, 1879, in Sebastian County Arkansas. Tennessee Arkansas (she got her name by being born at the time of the move from Tennessee to Arkansas) and Thomas Clinton Ary were the ancestral grandparents of Gene Mattocks

¹⁹⁹ AC 4-1, p. 25 and AC 6-2, PP. 36-37. Gene Mattocks of Yuba City California provided information that fleshed out the story.

²⁰⁰ AC 4-1, p. 25, includes a notation that a man named Paul Irwin (C1794 – lived with James and Kisziah in the 1860 Census, possibly a relation to Kizziah, giving a clue to her maiden name..

(7) James William Bland (March 2, 1867 - March 25, 1953), was born and died in Sebastian County Arkansas. James married Alice Serena Barnes on December 25, 1890.

(8) Amanda Angeline Bland, (February 14, 1869 - January 25, 1945), married William Marvin Witcher on March 29, 1888. She was born in Sebastian County Arkansas and died in Haskell County Oklahoma.

(B) VINEY BLAND (C1831 -)

(C) KIZZIAH BLAND (C1836 -) Kissiah was gone in the 1860 census.

(D) MARTHA BLAND (C1839 -).

BLANDS IN OTHER TENNESSEE COUNTIES

Davidson County was formed from Washington County Tennessee in 1783. There are several young people named Bland, all born in Tennessee, who live in close proximity. It adjoins Rutherford County where some of the Blands from Amherst County Virginia settled but there is no discernible connection:

1. John Bland (C1827 -) was enumerated in the 1850 census in dwelling 291. He is living with an 84 year old woman named Sarah Felts, born in North Carolina.
2. Joseph Bland (C1830 -) is living in dwelling 245 with Anna J. Bland (C1833 -) Both are born in Tennessee and are living with J.J.D.R. Shumate, a 35 year old farmer. In 1860, Joseph Bland was enumerated with a wife Henrietta (1837-) with no children but a resident named Green Burnett.²⁰¹
3. Rebecca Bland (C1835 -) is enumerated in dwelling 285, living with Ira G. Burnett, a 36 year old farmer.²⁰²

Williamson County was formed in 1799 from Davidson County.

1. John W. Bland (C1822 -) The 1850 Census shows John born in Virginia, with his wife Malinda (1825-) born in Tennessee, and their children:
 - (a) Mary Bland (1845-)
 - (b) James Bland (1847-)
 - (c) Samuel Bland (1849)

²⁰¹ See p. 104, reference to John Bland (C1754-1808) of the Mecklenburg County Virginia Family, who married Sallie Burnett and she lived for a time in Rutherford County.

²⁰² Ibid.

Maury County is in Central Tennessee bounded by Gilles, Lawrence, Marshall and Williamson counties. It includes a coherent family group:

1. Willson Bland (1804-), a stone cutter born in North Carolina, living with his wife Susan (1810-) and by 1860, a family of nine children:
 - (a) John T Bland (1835-)
 - (b) Martha Bland (1837-)
 - (c) William Bland (1839-)
 - (d) James Bland (1840-)
 - (e) Mary Bland (1842-)
 - (f) Susan Bland (1844-)
 - (g) Sarah H. Bland (1846-)
 - (h) George W. Bland (1848-)
 - (i) Agnes Bland (1851-).

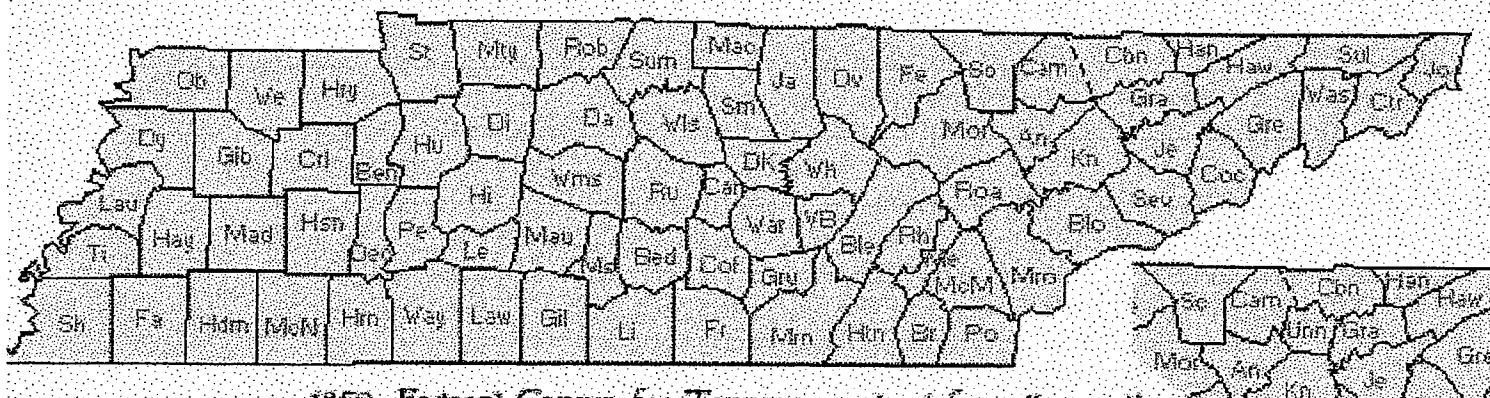
Also living in this household in 1850-1860, were Patsy Brown, (1800-) and Ambrose Truett (1833-).

Wayne County, along the Alabama frontier and near Lawrence County, was formed from Hicks county in 1817. In 1850, J. Bland (1805-) from North Carolina, lived in the county with a wife Jinsey (1815-) but no children. ²⁰³

Hardin and Carroll Counties were formed in 1819 and 1821 from the Western District. Hardin County included James S. Bland (C1834 -), born in Tennessee enumerated in the household of Elizabeth Eakes (C1827 -) born in Tennessee. Carroll County in 1850, included an older couple, Jacint Bland (C1782 -) and his wife Nancy ____ (C1792 -). Jacint was a farmer and was from North Carolina. Nancy was from Virginia.

²⁰³ Joyce McCool, when she copied the 1850 Census, copied the name exactly in the cramped script in which it was recorded. The name she said, was probably Jinsey but could be "Sarey" for Sarah.

Tennessee 1850



1850 Federal Census for Tennessee extant for all counties

**DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLAND AND MARGARET OSBORNE
OF NELSON COUNTY KENTUCKY**

The original Kentucky settlements occurred from about 1780-1800 in the wake of the imperative to settle the, then, western wilderness after the American Revolution and many thousands of settlers poured across the Blue Ridge Mountains into Kentucky. Among them were pioneers like John Bland (C1725-1795) and his wife Margaret Osborne and John's cousin John Bland (C1742-1807) and his wife Rachel and their families who settled in Nelson and Washington Counties, Kentucky.²⁰⁴

Kentucky was a child of Virginia, having been annexed as part of Virginia County as early as 1584. Around 1750, Thomas Walker explored the eastern part of the territory, which was annexed to Fincastle County in 1772. In 1775, Colonel Richard Henderson of North Carolina formed the Transylvania Company which encompassed western Kentucky between the Kentucky and Cumberland Rivers.

Daniel Boone explored eastern Kentucky in the 1750s and moved his family there from North Carolina in 1773. The first settlements were Harrodsburg and Booneboro in 1774 and 1775. Boone's explorations led to the establishment of Kentucky County in 1776. In 1780, Kentucky was formed into three smaller counties Fayette, Jefferson and Lincoln. By 1790, these three counties had been formed into nine including Bourbon, Fayette, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Mason, Mercer, Nelson, Woodford. These were the nine counties existing when Kentucky became a state on June 1, 1792.

Though there were several others of these early counties that were important to the settlement of Blands in Kentucky, here we are interested only in Nelson County which was formed from Jefferson County in 1785. The original Nelson County included the territory that later became Washington County (1792) and Hardin County (1793), both of which are referentially important.²⁰⁵

Two Johns: When I came out with A Vision of Unity in 1982, my reading of Kentucky was that John Bland (C1725-1795) was the son of John Bland (C1688-1762), who was the third son of the original immigrant James Bland.²⁰⁶ My first assumption about the head of the Washington County family was that Rachel Bland (-1799),²⁰⁷ was married to a person named Roland, for whom their first son was named.²⁰⁸ This was the most disreputable

²⁰⁴ This essay draws from and revises information found in AC 13, pp. 9-17 and 60-67.

²⁰⁵ George B. Everton, Sr. Ed., The Handy Book for Genealogists, (Seventh Ed: Everton Publishers: 1981), pp. 108-109.

²⁰⁶ My original assumptions about parentage of John Bland (1725-1795), are found in VU, pp. 417ff.

²⁰⁷ To my knowledge, no one has ever come up with a birth date for Rachel, and I have always left it blank. A good guess is that she would be born sometime between 1744-1746, since our best estimate is that Rolly, who is usually considered the oldest child, was born C1763.

²⁰⁸ VU, pp. 463-467, passim. I now believe that Rolly was a variant of Roland or perhaps Roley, and that Rolly was named in honor of someone important to the family, perhaps his mother's maiden name.

speculation and reflected my relative lack of information about the Washington County family as opposed to the Nelson County Family. In fact I was wrong about both Johns.

One of the clearest indications of the parentage of John Bland (C1725-1795) was that William Bland (C1686-1744) acquired 312 acres in Prince William County Virginia in 1742. In 1776, John Bland deeded 100 acres of this same land to his son Osborne Bland.²⁰⁹ Had I simply accepted this rather clear transmission of property from father to son to grandson, I could have saved myself and many correspondents who thought I was otherwise sane and possessed of episodic clarity of mind, from a lot of argument and controversy.

The second blow to my original construction came when I received a letter from Pansy Willburn of Modesto California who found a death certificate for Prudence Watts in Grayson County Kentucky. The document listing her date of death as March 30, 1852, at age 85, stated that Prudence was born in Virginia to John and Rachel Bland.²¹⁰ Already we had established that Prudence was a member of the Washington County family and had married George Watt on March 20, 1786.²¹¹

The late Marian Daniels of San Benito Texas, furnished me with some Grayson County Kentucky records showing that Prudence was the daughter of John Bland and the youngest of five children. Marian's information also indicated that John had died in Virginia in 1807.²¹²

The two Johns were sorted out to my satisfaction ultimately by Marian Daniels' reasoning in correspondence with me during 1983-1985. Marian sent me a document from Prince William County Virginia Bond Book for 1753-1782, showing John Bland as the administrator for the estate of John Bland, November 7, 1763. In his estate papers, June 7, 1762, John's wife Patience is listed as executor of his estate, while nephews Edward Gwatkins and Benjamin Bland are listed as Bondsmen.²¹³ Prince William Virginia County Order Book 1761-1769 in an entry of July 10, 1762, called the two Johns Junior and Senior.

²⁰⁹ VU, p. 271, N. 2 and p. 418.

²¹⁰ Pansy Willburn to Charles L. Bland, June 29, 1983, and AC 2-1, p. 13-15. Jane Midtby, Denver Colorado, provided a note from Kentucky Generations and Biographies, pp. 175-176, "Vincent Davis, B.1811, Spencer County Indiana, M. 22 Nov. 1837, Elizabeth Watts, daughter of George and Prudence Bland Watts. Prudence was the daughter of John Bland, who died April 4, 1807 in Virginia." Other sources show John's date of death as April 22, 1807.

²¹¹ AC 2-1, pp. 13-15. Reinforcement was received from Richard Smith now of Spearfish South Dakota, that Susannah Bland, who married James Arbuckle in 1789, also was a daughter of John and Rachel Bland. John Bland had witnessed Susannah's marriage, AC 2-1, p.23.

²¹² *ibid.* Phyllis Goff, Redwood City California, wrote me in 1987 that John died April 22, 1807. AC 5-2, p. 27. Jessamine Bland James, Compiler, Bland Family Court and Bible Records p. 53 presents another possibility: that Rachel was a widow and that when she signed for the marriage of her daughter Rachel to Michael Fagan January 3, 1784, she was identified as a widow. In this case, her husband may well have been named John, but deceased before the family moved to Kentucky. See, however, note ____ above. Genealogy is rife with such contradictions.

²¹³ Marian Daniels to C.L. Bland, January 10, March 24 and May 5, 1983. AC 1-2, p. 7 and 2-1, pp. 12-13.

Marian persuaded me that the younger John was not named in the June 7, 1762 document because he was a minor, and that he reached his majority between June 7 and July 10, 1762, thus placing his date of birth as C1742. Marian further suggested that a man born in 1742 could logically have married about 1762 and then been parents to an older child, Rolly Bland, born about 1763, who was old enough to serve for Virginia during the American Revolution.²¹⁴

While visiting the Filson Club Library at Louisville Kentucky in August 1985, I came across indirect evidence that finally sorted things out. Briefly, I became convinced that Nancy Bland, daughter of Henry Bland, mentioned in the will of John Bland (1725-1795), was the grand daughter of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788), a strong indirect link between John and Thomas. There was further evidence that Spillsby Stone, who had married Thomas' daughter Elizabeth (who was dead by 1799) had moved to Nelson County Kentucky by about 1800.²¹⁵ It was also clear that Thomas' son James (1780-1829) and his wife Susannah Starke (1783-1852) had moved to Hardin County Kentucky, split off from Nelson, around 1800.²¹⁶ These facts established a good basis for a brother relationship between John Bland (C1725-1795) and Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) who was clearly a son of William Bland (C1686-1744). For these reasons, I accepted the classification of the two Johns as:

1. John Bland (C1725-1795), who married Margaret Osborne, the son of William Bland (C1686-1744) of Prince William County Virginia.
2. John Bland (C1742-1807), who married Rachel _____ (C1744 -1799), the son of John Bland (C1788-1862) of Prince William County Virginia.²¹⁷

²¹⁴ AC 2-1, p. 12, and VU, p. 420; AC 2-2, pp. 12-13.

²¹⁵ Spillsby Stone made his will in Nelson County Kentucky, Will Book D. P. 36, February 27, 1813, proved July 20, 1818. He left his estate to sons Coleman and Barnet Stone and children of his deceased son Elijah Stone, and to daughters Nancy Griffin and Elizabeth Ratcliff. The Genealogy of the Stone Family (July 27, 1885) states that most of the descendants of Spillsby Stone, who had eleven children, moved to Nelson County Kentucky. Spillsby's wife is not identified in these documents but in VU p. 372, it is shown that Spillsby married Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788), who was a brother of John Bland (C1725-1795). How many Spillsby Stones could have been running around Nelson County at this time?

²¹⁶ AC 4-1, pp. 13-15.

²¹⁷ In AC 2-1, p. 14 is found a claim against a John Bland in Fairfax County, which split off from Prince William and Loudon Counties in 1742. The date of the claim is uncertain but estimated at around 1800 and states that the debtor "went to Kentucky about 20 years ago, then solvent." This could have been either of the Johns. John (1742-1807) had a brother Jesse Bland (1756-1835), a Revolutionary war Veteran who served between 1776-1779. Jesse said that his brother, whose name was not given, had a family bible in his possession when he left Prince William County Virginia. It is obvious that anyone who could lay hands on that family bible record, would come into possession of a tremendously valuable document that could plausibly unravel a great deal of silence about the Bland family in the early half of the 18th century. Jesse is discussed in AC 4-2, pp. 7-8.

In the essays that follow we will be concerned with the second and third sons of John Bland and Margaret Osborne.

THE FAMILY OF SAMUEL BLAND (1751 - 1835/1836)

Samuel Bland is generally reckoned the third child of John Bland (C1725-1795) and his wife Margaret Osborne. Samuel's dates are estimated from the position he occupies in his father's will and from proven dates of 1750-1815 for his sister Prudence.²¹⁸ Samuel was living in 1812, when he joined in a complaint against his step grandfather Cuthbert Harrison. At that time, he was married to Mary Ann ____, who may have been Samuel's second wife.²¹⁹ Samuel and Mary Ann had a family of nine children:²²⁰

1. **JOHN BLAND** (C1771-1835). John made his will on March 11, 1835 and it was proved April 13, 1835. He married Elizabeth Shumate (December 18, 1774 - April 5, 1863) on August 9, 1792. Elizabeth is buried in Oldham County Kentucky. Though John and Elizabeth lived in Nelson County Kentucky, his will mentioned possession of lands in Lewis County Missouri.²²¹ John Bland and Elizabeth Shumate had a family of ten children:²²²

²¹⁸ Samuel's brother Osborne, by his position in John Bland's will, is figured as the eldest child and other evidence suggests he was born about 1748. Tombstone records give sister Prudence dates of 1750-1815, thus it is assume that Samuel was born about 1751.

²¹⁹ AC 7-1, p. 27. In an indenture in Nelson County Kentucky, Deed Book 4, February 26, 1791, p. 127, Samuel Bland is referred to without reference to a wife. It was fairly common for a husband and wife to be mentioned together in Nelson County land Transactions and beginning in 1793, Samuel is mentioned with his wife Mary Ann. The 1791 Indenture speaks of "Samuel Bland and his heirs," suggesting that he had children. Thus I would assume Mary Ann is not his first wife. Samuel Bland seems to have died between March 11, 1835 and March 31, 1836. The will of his son John, states "Balance of my money whatever it may be I give and bequeath to my father and mother and my sister Eleanor Glass. . ." Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland August 23, 1983. An indenture in Nelson County, March 31, 1836, shows that Mary Ann Bland is a widow and relict of Samuel Bland." Other names given include Eleanor Bland, Fanny Bland, Ambrose Knott and his wife, "The late Elizabeth Bland", daughter of Samuel's daughter Margaret (1783-1804).

²²⁰ Samuel and Mary Ann's children are discussed in AC 13, pp. 54-59. Many of their sons either moved to or had land holdings in Lewis County Missouri.

²²¹ VU, p. 456 John's executor was his in-law James Glass. In VU, p. 456, I stated that John's will was made out and proved March 11 and April 13, 1835. This appears in James, Bland Family Court and Bible Records, p. 50. It is in such harmony with the will of 1830 made out by Samuel Bland, same source that I have no doubt that John and Samuel were brothers. Thus, if my construction is accurate, John and Samuel are the two eldest children of Samuel Bland. I cannot reconcile this with anything I know of and would appreciate help in doing so. Elizabeth is found in the 1850 Census for Oldham County Kentucky, Page 145, Dwelling 287, where Elizabeth is found living with Samuel Overstreet (1818 -). Samuel was the husband of Martha Bland. Elizabeth is reported as aged 78. Mary Manby told me that her name was Shumate although it was variously spelled Shewmake, Shewmate and Shewmaker. Cf, AC 18, p. 72.

²²² AC 13, pp. 55-56.

A. BRYANT BLAND (1800-1841) was named a co-executor of his father's will and was probably the eldest son. He married Margaret Bridewell, on August 8, 1834. After Bryant's death, Margaret ran off to California with John Devilbliss, who may have previously married Patsy Wells in Spencer County Kentucky April 13, 1827. Bryant was the bondsman for the marriages of Lucinda and Mildred Bland. Bryant and Margaret had at least two sons.²²³

(1) John H. Bland was born in Nelson, Kentucky in 1836, date of death uncertain. He served in Company a, 10th Mississippi Regiment from September 1861 until June 1865. John was a Democrat who cast his first vote for Buchanan. He married Mary L. Thompson who later who married J.W. Johnson.

(2) Joseph P. Bland who married Lizzie Roberts. They had one child, a son

(a) J. W. Bland.

Lizzie Roberts died in childbirth and Joseph went to California, where he married Lutie Jackson, and had by her four children:

(b) Eugene M. Bland

(c) Lena B. Bland

(d) Jennie B. Bland

(e) Guy P. Bland

B. JAMES BLAND (C1804 -) married Prudence Bland, his cousin and daughter of Samuel Bland on September 28, 1825.²²⁴

C. CATHERINE BLAND (C1809 -) who married Samuel Bland on July 11, 1826, in Hardin County Kentucky.²²⁵

D. ELEANOR "NELLY" BLAND (C1811 -) married William McMackin in Nelson County, Kentucky on January 18, 1828. Eleanor survived McMackin and remarried to a Mr. Howard.²²⁶

²²³ Information about Bryant is found in AC 1-2, p. 12 and AC 2-2, p. 30

²²⁴ See AC 1-2, p. 13, for the finding of Anne Hall that James was younger than Bryant and thus could not be the James Bland, who turns out to have been the brother of his father. AC 2-2, p. 30. Samuel Bland was bondsman.

²²⁵ VU p. 458. AC 2-2, p. 30.

²²⁶ This marriage was witnessed by Isaac Bland, who also was bondsman. AC 2-2, p. 30. AC 3-1, p. 26.

E. MARY "POLLY" BLAND, who married William Russell on June 18, 1831.²²⁷

F. LUCINDA BLAND (C1817 -) married John Keynon in Nelson County on May 14, 1834.²²⁸

G. MILDRED BLAND (c1819 -) married Joseph Bridewell in Nelson County on February 8, 1836.²²⁹

H. FRANCES "FANNY" BLAND, (c1820) married James Glass on June 6, 1836 in Nelson County.²³⁰

I. MARTHA BLAND Martha must have been born about 1821. In 1838, she married Samuel P. Overstreet in Oldham County Kentucky. John's widow Elizabeth, after he died, moved to Oldham County as well.²³¹

J. MARGARET BLAND married William Hutchinson, identified in John's will as "my son in law."²³²

2. SAMUEL BLAND (C1775-1830) Samuel was the second son of Samuel Bland because Samuel would name his first son after his father and his second after himself. Samuel made his will October 15, 1830 and it was probated November 8, 1830. Samuel mentioned possession of lands in Marion County Missouri from which Lewis County was formed in 1833.²³³

3. MARGARET "PEGGY" BLAND (1783-1804), married Moses Bland (C1772 – after 1850), a cousin from the Randolph County North Carolina family, in Nelson County on

²²⁷ AC 2-2, p. 30. Bryant Bland was bondsman.

²²⁸ VU p. 458. AC 2-2, p. 30. Bryant Bland stood bond. Cf. AC 3-1, p. 26.

²²⁹ VU, p. 458. AC 2-2, p. 30. Bryant Bland was bondsman.

²³⁰ VU, p. 458, AC 2-2, p. 31. James Bland was bondsman.

²³¹ AC 1-2, p. 12 and 2-2, p. 31.

²³² Margaret is not listed in the enumeration of children of John Bland and Elizabeth Shewmaker that appears in AC 2-2, p. 30-31.

²³³ VU. pp. 455-456 and James, Bland Family Court and Bible Records P. 50. Samuel's executor was Isaac Bland, his brother. Ann Joy Scott of Kansas City Missouri wrote me on March 13, 1996 of James Bland (1793-1849, below) "I found him and his brother Samuel in Lewis County Missouri, with land patents there in 1831 and 1829. There was a James Bland in Lewis County in 1840 Census, while my James Bland supposedly settled in Warren County Missouri in 1825 and he was there for the 1830 and 1840 census.

November 24, 1800.²³⁴ They had a single child, Elizabeth Bland (1804-1836), who married Ambrose Knott in Nelson County Kentucky on December 1, 1828.²³⁵

4. ISAAC BLAND (September 27, 1788 - October 30, 1840). About 1828, Isaac moved to the area of Marion county Missouri that would become Lewis County after 1833. Isaac married Nancy Floyd (1813-1846) in Marion County Missouri in 1832. Isaac witnessed and was bondsman for the marriage of his sister Eleanor to William McMackin. Isaac went to Lewis County Missouri about 1828, and his dates are taken from his tombstone there.²³⁶ He died in Scotland County, Missouri. Isaac married Nancy Floyd February 13, 1813 - May 26, 1846) in Lewis County in 1832. After Isaac died, Nancy remarried to G.K. Biggs and moved to Clark County Missouri. Among the children of Isaac and Nancy, two sons and two daughters, were:²³⁷

A. JOSEPHUS BLAND (July 13, 1833 - 1917) was born in Lewis County, Missouri. Between 1849-1852, he went to California to seek his fortune, with some success, for in 1852 he returned home to buy more land, in addition to 520 acres near Canton, Missouri, passed on by his father. He married Mary C. Duncan on February 22, 1855. Josephus was enumerated in Clark County Missouri in the 1850 Census. He and Mary C. Duncan had five children including:

- (1) Nancy E. Bland who married John _____.
- (2) William I. Bland
- (3) Elizabeth J. Bland
- (4) Josephus H. Bland Jr.
- (5) Robert M. Bland.

B. JOANNA BLAND (C1835 -) who married F.Y. Cowgill.

²³⁴ Moses' story is told in AC 10-1, pp. 20-24.

²³⁵ VU, p. 348, 456-457. When Elizabeth married Ambrose Knott, Samuel Bland, her uncle, stood as witness for her and declared himself the brother of Moses Bland, her father. Lest this cast everyone in confusion, it is probable that he used a more intimate term to signify that they were brothers in law. An indenture in Nelson County March 31, 1836, identifies Ambrose Knott and speaks of his wife, "the late Elizabeth Bland" suggesting that Elizabeth's dates should be changed to 1804-1836.

²³⁶ Earlier references AC 2-1, p. 12, to Isaac as having died in Scotland County Missouri, which was formed from Lewis in 1841. Isaac may have lived in the area that became Scotland.

²³⁷ AC 1-2, p. 13 and AC 2-2, p. 30. This is confirmed by information in the 1850 Census which finds George Biggs on page 290-291, dwelling 691, living with minor children Josephus Bland (1833 -) Joanne Bland (1835 -) and Elizabeth Bland (1840 -).

C. THOMAS HART BENTON BLAND (1837-1857) did not marry. He is enumerated in the home of Henry Floyd, age 73, in the 1850 census.²³⁸

D. ELIZABETH BLAND (c1840-1877) who married Collin Duncan.

E. UNNAMED SON

5. JAMES BLAND (February 23, 1793 - June 6, 1849).²³⁹ James was born in Nelson County Kentucky and died in Clay County Missouri. James married Mary Wyatt (June 18, 1800 - December 20, 1877) on October 20, 1818 in Nelson County Kentucky.²⁴⁰ They moved to Warren County Missouri about 1825. James and his wife were in Warren County as late as the 1840 Census,²⁴¹ but by 1847 they were in Clay County, where James died.²⁴² Mary died in Paris Texas but her residence was Liberty in Clay County Missouri.²⁴³ Mary died in Paris Texas, where she was visiting her sons, but her residence was Liberty in Clay County, Missouri. James and Mary are buried at the Fairview Cemetery in Liberty. James and Mary had twelve children:

A. WILLIAM WYATT/WIATT BLAND (August 10, 1819 - December 16, 1895) William was born in Nelson County Kentucky, but at age 6 (1825) William was trained in Medicine and graduated from The Medical College in St. Louis in 1841. He went to California but returned to Clay County Missouri and by 1854 was in Clinton County. He practiced medicine and was a cattle farmer. He was President of the Agriculture and Mechanical Association from 1868-1875. William He retired from his medical practice in 1880 and was elected as a Democrat to four years service in the Missouri State Senate, (1880-1884).

²³⁸ See AC18, p. 72, for reference to Thomas and Henry Floyd living in close proximity to Blands from an allied family.

²³⁹ Anne Hall wrote me in 1983-1984 that in going through some of her family papers, she came across evidence that Samuel Bland Sr. was indeed the father of James Bland (1793-1849). In comparing James' signature on his marriage bond and his bond for his sister Mildred, Anne found similar upsweeping D in the final letter of Bland, like a cat's tail held high, which convinced her they were the same person. AC 1-2, p. 12 and AC 2-2, p. 29. A letter that I received from Ann Joy Scott of Kansas City Missouri, March 13, 1996, seemed skeptical. Cf. Ann Joy Scott to Charles L. Bland, April 27, 1996. Ann Scott said she was Anne Hall's third cousin and had shared research with her in 1964. Ann Joy Scott, All My Ancestors (Those I could Find) (1998) is an invaluable source, filed at LDS Library, Salt Lake City Utah. Hereafter referred to as Scott.

²⁴⁰ VU, pp. 462-463. Mary's mother was Rebecca ____ Wyatt Anderson and her step father Hedgeman Anderson, who consented to her marriage. Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland, June 29, 1983, citing Stancliff, Nelson County Kentucky Marriage Bonds, 1784-1832 Vol. 1. P. 26.

²⁴¹ Ann Joy Scott, "Descendancy Narrative of James Bland" sent to Charles L. Bland in 1999, hereafter called Ann Joy Scott 1.

²⁴² "The Blands of Western Missouri", handwritten about 1895, provided by Patricia Bland Elliott, St. Joseph Missouri, April 19, 2002, hereafter called Elliott.

²⁴³ AC 13, p. 58

William married Annie Elizabeth Payne of Clinton Missouri on February 23, 1854²⁴⁴ and they had a family of seven children, all born in Clinton County Missouri.²⁴⁵

(1) Mary Bell Bland - (February 5, 1855 - March 4, 1919) By 1876 Mary was a school teacher working at a salary of \$50. and with an enrollment of 58.²⁴⁶

(2) Serena Emma Bland, (September 4, 1857 - February 9, 1939) married John Calhoun Atchison (August 4, 1849 -) on May 10, 1876 at Clinton County Missouri.²⁴⁷ Their children were:

(a) Benjamin Allen Atchison (June 8, 1878 - March 31, 1954), Benjamin died in Buchanan County Missouri.

(b) William Bland Atchison (November 15, 1880 - July 18, 1940)

(c) Serena Atchison (C1885-)

(d) Annie Atchison (C1890 -)

(e) Molly Atchison (C1895-)

(3) Henry F. Bland (C1858 -)

(4) James A. Bland (June 20, 1858 - September 21, 1910)²⁴⁸ was born in Gower in Atchison, Clinton County Missouri. He was struck by lightning and killed near Colorado Springs, Colorado. James married Cora Fry (C1863 - September 1889) on May 20, 1885 and they had:²⁴⁹

(a) William. Abram Bland (April 9, 1887 or 1889 -) was born in Lafayette, Clinton County Missouri. William Bland married Linnie Field on October 11, 1911. They were parents of a son James (May 6, 1917 -)

(b) Emma S. Bland (C1891 -) who married (1st) W.F. Kirk and (2nd) _____ Simpson.

²⁴⁴ Elliott, pp. 4-7 details the violent atmosphere of Clinton County during the Civil War, including the murder of A.H.F. Payne, father in law of William Wyatt Bland.

²⁴⁵ Children are enumerated in Portrait and Biographical Record p. 583, attached to Elliott. Elliott claims that there were thirteen children and all died within a space of twelve years. If this is true, the additional names might be Geneva, Herbert, Anna and Louise. Further information about children of William Wyatt Bland appears in Lloyd Cooley to Charles L. Bland, May 4, 1989.

²⁴⁶ Submitted with Elliott. Also on this sheet, there is a statement that Jennie Bland, aged 7 years and nine months, died in 1907.

²⁴⁷ Lloyd M. Cooley to Charles L. Bland, May 4, 1989. Inasmuch as Mr. Cooley's information, seems born out by birth dates of Serena and Mr. Atchison's children, Ann Joy Scott's estimate that Serena was born in 1866 needs to be revised, for even if poor Atchison was a pedophile, one doubts that Serena could easily conceive at age 10.

²⁴⁸ History of Clinton and Caldwell Counties Missouri, pp. 752-753, obituary of James A. Bland, September 30, 1910, attached to Elliott.

²⁴⁹ Cora Fry's brief biography is contained in an unidentified page attached to Elliott.

Following the death of Cora Fry, James A. Bland remarried to Grace Grafton on June 20, 1902. Their children were:

- (c) H.F. Bland (a brother)
- (d) L.L. Bland (a brother)
- (e) W.L. Bland (a sister) who married _____ Culver.
- (f) J.C. Bland (a sister) who married _____ Atchison
- (g) D.R. Bland who married _____ Hill.
- (h) Anna Lee Bland who married _____ Crawford.

(5) Annie Lee Bland (C1860 -)

(6) Louise L. Bland (C1863 -)

(7) Herbert Bland

(8) Luella Bland (C1873 -), Luella married _____ Hill about 1892 and they had a child:

(a) Lula Lee Hill, (C1893 -)

(9) Anna L. Bland

(10) Louise Bland

Though not certain, there is a possibility that an eleventh child of William Wyatt Bland and Annie Elizabeth Payne was T.B. Bland (October 31, 1853 – April 9, 1919) buried with Minerva J. Bland (1853-1934) and children:²⁵⁰

(a) Thomas W. Bland (1875-1952) married to Jennie E. _____ (1877-1952)

(b) Virda L. Bland (September 15, 1880 – October 19, 1886)

B. SERENA ANN BLAND (February 23, 1821 – August 8, 1835).

C. PERRY T. BLAND (May 24, 1823 – April 30, 1896)²⁵¹ Perry was born in Kentucky and died in Austin Texas, Travis County at the Confederate Home for Disabled Veterans. One source indicates that Perry came to Texas in 1844, served in the Confederate Army and died in Austin Texas.²⁵² He married Sarah

²⁵⁰ Handwritten attachment to Elliott.

²⁵¹ Dates confirmed via Texas State Cemetery's, cf Teresa Bland to C.L. Bland, E-Mail, February 18, 2005.

²⁵² Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland, August 23, 1983. My previous information that Perry married a Lacey Wortlaw, was evidently in error. Bell Cook et al., Ed. To Honor and Remember Colonists, Citizens and

Jane Wortham (C1833 – C1862) on June 14, 1849. in Lamar County Texas.²⁵³ By 1850, they were enumerated in Fanin County . By 1860, they were back in Paris, Lamar County.²⁵⁴ By 1880, Perry was enumerated in Clay County Missouri with a wife named Elizabeth Jones, (C1827 - whom he had married in 1879. ²⁵⁵ Subsequently, in 1886 Perry married (3rd) Mary Frisby Donaho, the mother of Hedgeman Addison's (Perry's son) wife Minnie Donaho. Mary was born in Tennessee. She must have died before 1896, for after Perry's health declined, he entered the veteran's rest home where he was shown as a widower. ²⁵⁶ A family historian writes that both Perry and his son Hedgeman Addison were very strong about family and loyalty. Once, under pressure from the law, Hedgeman refused to testify against an in-law. With his first wife Perry had six known children and Sarah Jane may have died in childbirth to the daughter Sarah:

- (1) M.E. Bland (C1850-) a daughter.
- (2) J.E. Bland (C1851 -) a son
- (3) F.E. Bland (C1853/1855 -) a son ²⁵⁷
- (4) R. Bland (C1855-) a daughter
- (5) Hedgeman Addison Bland (C1858 - 1914) Hedgeman Addison was in Jacksboro, Jack County Texas by 1880. He married Minnie Donaho (C1878 -) on December 14, 1892. I am happy to display a photograph of Hedgeman Addison Bland and Minnie Donaho with their children on page 140, courtesy of Teresa Bland, Bixby Oklahoma. Their children included:

(a) Daniel Oscar Bland (November 15, 1893 - June 15, 1967) was born at Jacksboro, Jack County Texas and died at Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County Texas. About 1915, Daniel married Gertrude Lenoma Stember, (C1896 – April 11, 1983) born in Essens Germany and died in Smith City, Tyler County Texas.²⁵⁸ Their children were:

Soldiers of the republic of Texas and Others Buried in the State Cemetery, Austin Texas (May 26, 1986), p. 2.

²⁵³ Sarah Jane's maiden name is identified in Teresa Bland to C. L. Bland, E-mail, September 23, 2004.

²⁵⁴ Teresa Bland to Charles L. Bland, June 3, 2005.

²⁵⁵ Teresa Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, July 23, 2003 and September 17, 2003. Elizabeth Jones was a widow, for the 1880 census finds the following young people living with Perry and Elizabeth: Willis Jones, age 19; Lilla Jones, Age 14; There is also a son in law G. Lassel and "daughter" Allis Lassel, (Possibly H.A. Bland) age 23 with a child, grandson Arther Lassel, age 3.

²⁵⁶ Teresa Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, September 17 and 18, 2003

²⁵⁷ Teresa Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, January 4, 2004, states that F.E. Bland was enumerated as age 7 in 1860 and age 15 in 1870. In the 1870 census, F.E. Bland, age 15, is found in the household of W. Babcock.

²⁵⁸ Application for Social Security, Daniel "Osker" Bland; marriage record of Hedgeman Bland and Minnie Donoho, Jack County Texas; death certificate of Daniel Bland, furnished by Teresa Bland. Birth Certificate of an unknown child, June 22, 1916 and Death Record for Gertrude Leona Bland, provided by Teresa Bland

1. David Milton Bland (June 22, 1916 – June 11, 1952) was born in Palo Pinto County and died in Dallas Texas. David married Josephine Bule on October 26, 1938.²⁵⁹
 2. Raymond Arthur Bland (July 11, 1926 – October 1985) was born in Forth Worth, Tarrant County Texas and died in Smith City, Tyler County Texas. He married Faye Henry.
 3. Billy Joe Bland (September 12, 1932 - November 6, 1996) was born in Fort Worth Texas and died in Smith City, Tyler County Texas. He married as many as eight women, including Sue _____, who was the mother of his three children.
- (b) Lonie or Lona Serena Bland (August 26, 1896 -) November 18, 1991) was born in Jacksboro Texas and died in Fort Worth Texas. She married Fred Stember of Essens Germany, brother of Lenoma Stember who married Lonie's brother Daniel Oscar Bland.
- (c) Ezra Everett Bland (January 26, 1903 – September 19, 1978) married Amma Nell Harris (January 16, 1906 – October 21, 1999). Both died in Tarrant County Texas. Their children were:
1. Vernon Ezra Bland (March 25, 1929 – October 31, 1989) who married Juanita Francis (February 17, 1928 -). Vernon was born and died in Tarrant County Texas.
 2. Clarence Everett Bland – (October 26, 1935 -) was born in Tarrant County
- (d) Fay Ellen Bland (November 8, 1905 - July 1977) was born in Tarrant County and died in Dallas County Texas. Fay Ellen married Jack Fransio Daniels. Their children, all born in Tarrant County Texas were:
1. Nadine Bland (C1925 -)
 2. Lee Alfred Bland (July 27, 1927 -)
 3. Francis Mandine Bland (August 31, 1929 -)
- (e) Ira S. Bland (C1907 -) married Pauline Bertha Ross (October 23, 1909 – February 19, 1998). Their children were:

²⁵⁹ Dave and Josephine had children a son Ronnie Bland and a daughter Teresa Lynn Bland, my correspondent. Undated news articles, furnished by Teresa Bland.

1. Betty Jean Bland (February 6, 1931 -)
2. Gary Wayne Bland (April 19, 1946 -)
- (f) Haster Bland (August 15, 1911 - December 9, 1980) Died in Tarrant County Texas.
- (g) Mamie Bland (C1913 -)

Hedgeman Addison Bland (1858-1914) and Minnie Donaho (C1878 -) with family. The young man behind Hedgeman is Daniel Oscar Bland (1893-1967). The others are unidentified. Courtesy Teresa Bland, Bixby Oklahoma.



(6) Sarah Bland (C1862 -) this is possibly the Sarah P. Bland who married Louis Courder in 1881.²⁶⁰

D. EMILY JANE BLAND (March 11, 1825 or 1828 – September 10, 1909) married (1st) William Whipple Adams on June 6, 1842 at Warren County Missouri and (2nd) Thomas C. Gordon about 1850 at Clay County Missouri. According to Ann Joy Scott, Miss Emily had many step-children, nieces, nephews and grand-children, who, per her wishes, called her “Auntie-Gran” All this progeny came from her marriage to Mr. Adams, because prior to her marriage to Mr. Gordon, she stipulated no more children. Children of Emily Jane Bland and William W. Adams, included:

²⁶⁰ Lamar County Marriage records.

(1) Eugene Beauharnais Adams (March 22, 1843 – March 7, 1916) married Martha Lee Drake on May 18, 1871. Their child was:

- (a) William Whipple Adams (January 19, 1874 – January 11, 1960) married Annie Eudora Clardy on July 12, 1899.²⁶¹
- (b) Miles Conway Adams (January 19, 1874 -) twin of William Whipple, died in infancy.
- (c) Hedge Bland Adams (September 15, 1875 - 1958) married Mattie Lulu Cardy about 1900. Their one child noted by Ann Joy Mason Scott was Garland Eugene Adams (1901-1970).
- (d) Emmet Eugene Adams (May 19, 1879 – July 30, 1930) married Emma Jane Brooks on December 24, 1902.

E. LEWIS L. BLAND (March 8, 1827 – October 20, 1844)

F. HEDGEMAN ADDISON BLAND (October 10, 1829 – February 7, 1897)²⁶²
Hedgeman was a tax collector in Lamar County Texas. He married Mary Rucker (C1853 - January 9, 1921) in Paris Texas in Lamar County about 1878.²⁶³ It appears that Hedgeman and Mary had five children:²⁶⁴

- (1) Fritz Bland (C1875 -)
- (2) Mary Daisy Bland (November 4, 1878 – July 24, 1880).
- (3) Harry F. Bland (C1880 -)
- (4) Abbie Bland (C1882 -) married William Hughes Evans in 1906.
- (5) Herbert R. Bland (C1885 –) died at Phoenix Arizona.

According to once source, Hedgeman was survived by three children but there was no further elaboration.²⁶⁵

²⁶¹ Scott1, p. 2. William Whipple Adams II and Eudora Clardy were parents of Minnie Adams who married Rue Finley Mason on December 9, 1919. They were parents of my correspondent Ann Joy Mason Scott.

²⁶² Teresa Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, May 9, 2003, suggests strongly that Hedgeman's middle name was Addison. If so, the question becomes, where did the name Addison come from and does it imply any kinship between this line, and the Amherst County Virginia line (#3 above) which includes an Addison Bland. Cf AC15-17, pp. 151-156.

²⁶³ Marriage Records, Lamar County Texas furnished by Teresa Bland. Hereafter Lamar County Marriage Records. There is a "Hodge" Bland, age 43, living in the household of B.T. Means in 1870, but Hodge was born in Tennessee making it uncertain whether he was actually Hedgeman. Teresa Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, July 23, 2003.

²⁶⁴ Alice Rucker Allen to J.H. Herb Bland, Paris Texas, January 11, 1989. Also, Lamar County Texas Marriage Records, provided by Teresa Bland.

²⁶⁵ Unidentified page attached to Elliott.

G. JOHN SAMUEL BLAND (March 19, 1832 – March 6, 1891) John lived in Lamar County and was elected sheriff in 1869-1872. ²⁶⁶John married Catherine McMillen Armstrong (September 30, 1843 – December 21, 1898) in Lamar County Texas in 1862. ²⁶⁷ They had a family of ten children, including: ²⁶⁸

- (1) Rex Bland (C1866 -)
- (2) Mary Alice Bland - (1867 -)
- (3) Micajah L. Bland (1869 -) married Carrie Cartral in 1903.
- (4) William Hugh Bland (C1870 – May 31 1940)
- (5) Emma Serena Bland (September 26, 1874 - March 10, 1941) married E.J. Allen in 1895.
- (6) George Bland (C1874 -)
- (7) John Frank Bland (C1876 -) John's wife was Cecil Wooldridge, whom he married in 1903.
- (8) Lena Catherine Bland (C1878-) married B. Hooks Boyd in 1900.
- (9) Annie Bland (C1882 -) married T.B. Good in 1909.
- (10) Dot Bland (March 34, 1884 - April 9, 1918) married _____ Jennings.

H. REBECCA LOU BLAND (April 24, 1834 - April 2, 1872) married Judge William Frank Gordon in Clay County Missouri, October 17, 1853. They had a family of eight children, all born in Clay County Missouri:

- (1) Mary Emma Gordon (December 20, 1854 -)
- (2) James B. Gordon (C1859 – July 4, 1913)
- (3) Katie Gordon (C1860 -)
- (4) Frank Lee Gordon (C1863 -)
- (5) Minnie Gordon (October 12, 1864 - February 21 1885)
- (6) Carrie Gordon (C1866 -)
- (7) William Gordon (C1868 -)
- (8) Lena Gordon (C1869 -)

I. EMMALINE BLAND (August 10, 1837-1858) married Abraham Fry on July 24, 1856 in Clinton County Missouri. Their daughter Cora Fry, married a cousin James Bland, son of William Wyatt Bland.

J. C.D. BLAND (1841-1842)

²⁶⁶ Neville Papers, pp. 144-153.

²⁶⁷ Lamar County Marriage Records. These records include two entries for J.A. Bland marrying Mattie Cannon in 1897 and Annie Rachel in 1900. and Charley Bland marrying Annie Clark in 1900. I cannot determine where these two men belong.

²⁶⁸ Teresa Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, June 3, 2005, provides precise dates for Catherine Armstrong Bland.

K. JAMES M. BLAND (September 6, 1843 – May 11, 1865) James married Julia Sandusky.

L. Margaret died in infancy.

6. ELEANOR BLAND (C1793 -) Eleanor married David Glass on January 3 or August 10, 1810. They had at least one son James Glass and a daughter Milly Glass.

7. MILDRED "MILLY" BLAND (C1801 -) Milly married James Glass on May 25, 1818. The marriage was witnessed by James and Prudence Bland and consent was given by James.

8. NANCY BLAND (April 4, 1806 – April 16, 1882) Nancy was born in Nelson County Kentucky and died in Yamhill County Oregon. She married (1) a cousin Daniel Bland, (C1802-1831) son of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes on September 24, 1823. Daniel died during a blizzard in Richland Township near Lacon, Putnam County, Illinois. On January 17, 1832, Nancy e married (2nd) John Bird in Putnam County Illinois. They left Lacon on March 27, 1847 and arrived in Yamill County Oregon October 1, 1847.²⁶⁹

9. PRUDENCE BLAND (C1808 -), married a cousin James Bland on September 28, 1825 in Nelson County.

²⁶⁹ AC 3-1, p. 29, clarifies that it was Daniel and not David, who married Nancy. Cf, E-Mail, Nancy Ann Baker Toole to Charles L. Bland, May 22, 2002.

Two Sons, One Father: In a long and convincing letter to me back in 1994 the late Richard Smith of Spearfish South Dakota made a case that is reduced to this: we should take Prudence Bland Watts seriously when she said that she was the youngest of five children of John and Rachel Bland from the Washington County family. Those five are sons Rolly and Charles and daughters Susannah, Rachel and Prudence. I accepted this, but also believe there is strong evidence that links Samuel Bland (C1777-1848) to John and Rachel's family.²⁷² Which leaves the question, what of those two men previously assumed to have been sons of John and Rachel: Thomas Morton Bland (1772-1833) and John Bland (C1774-1825)?

Richard Smith's answer was that their father was John Bland (C1752 - 1836), fourth child and third son of John Bland and Margaret Osborne.²⁷³ Just as the elder John Bland (C1725-1795) named his first son Osborne after his wife's surname, the younger John, so Richard reasoned, named his first son Thomas Morton Bland after his wife's surname. There was a Thomas Morton with 400 acres on the Salt River in 1783. Richard Smith reasons that Thomas Morton was the father of the woman John Bland married. John then emulated the naming pattern of his father, naming his first son Thomas Morton for his father in law and his second son John for his own father.²⁷⁴ John was a co-executor of his father's

1835). That leaves John Bland, (C1752-1836) the third son of John and Margaret Osborne. The other sons, assuming a chronological symmetry in John Bland's will, are too young. Mary Virginia Manby to Charles L. Bland, October 11, 1883. John's will was made on July 16, 1836 and probated December 12, 1836. Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland February 6, 1883, citing Nelson County Deed Book 2, p. 143.

²⁷² Richard Smith. A handwritten and unpublished family history of the Rachel-John Bland family, found at the Filson Club, Louisville Kentucky in 1985, lists Rachel and John's children as Susannah, Prudence, Charles and Thomas, no Rolly and no Rachel.

²⁷³ Richard also produced strongly reasoned evidence of where the two brothers should be placed: Thomas Morton Bland, the elder of the two, could not have been born later than 1772, and thus the only three sons of John and Margaret old enough to be their father, would be Osborne, Samuel and John. Osborne had an elder son John Bland (1770-1842) and Samuel Bland had an elder son John Bland (C1771-1835). That leaves John Bland, (C1752-1836) the third son of John and Margaret Osborne. The other sons, assuming a chronological symmetry in John Bland's will, are too young. Mary Virginia Manby to Charles L. Bland, October 11, 1883. John's will was made on July 16, 1836 and probated December 12, 1836. Anne Hall to Charles L. Bland February 6, 1883, citing Nelson County Deed Book 2, p. 143.

²⁷⁴ Smith Op. Cit. Richard overlooks that John Bland (1725-17985) named his second son Samuel, but then we make that assumption because Samuel's name precedes John's in his father's will. Maybe that was just happenstance and John was the second son. Richard Smith notes that inasmuch as both Thomas Morton Bland and John had daughters named Elizabeth, that their mother must have been Elizabeth Morton. Not bad reasoning inasmuch as Thomas Morton and wife Elizabeth sold 101 acres at Coxes Creek to John Stoner on August 7, 1799. Nelson County Pioneer, Vol VI, p. 74. Citing Nelson County Deed Book Five. Richard also reasons that Elizabeth Morton Bland's mother's name must have been Blandford, since Thomas Morton named his eldest son John Blandford Bland. This needs proof and Richard acknowledged it was a "best guess" but that's what makes genealogy so much fun. It's also the kind of speculation that causes men like Richard Smith and me to get our ears cut off from time to time. They always grow back. Richard Smith showed that John Bland (1752-1836) purchased 300 acres on the Rolling Fork River October 2, 1797, Washington County Deed Book B, Page 125. In 1807, Thomas Morton Bland and his brother John Bland, and their wives sold these 300 acres, Washington County Deed Book C, page 295. On December 12, 1797, Thomas Randolph and his wife Mary Bland, who was a daughter of John Bland and Margaret Osborn, sold a parcel of 100 acres on the Beech Fork of the Salt River, to John Bland of Washington County, presumably

estate perhaps an indication that he, rather than Samuel Bland (C1751-1836) was the second son. Richard Smith concluded that two men, heretofore thought to be sons of John and Rachel Bland, were actually sons of John Bland (C1752 – 1836) and Elizabeth Morton. While Richard's reasoning was deft and his documentation strong, I feel there should have been more debate about it. In my own academic profession, we think nobody loves us unless they are raking us over the coals about the conclusions we make in our writing. Well I confess that one cousin, who will go unnamed, who is interested in this family, called me when Volume 13 of Among Cousins was published and described me in ways that had never occurred to me as a self description and alarmed me so that I had to ask my then young son to go to another room lest he hear things said about his father that his mother hadn't already said. But the cousin never reduced the argument to writing so Richard Smith's construction stands.²⁷⁵

1. **THOMAS MORTON BLAND** (C1772-C1833) Thomas was born in Virginia and moved to Kentucky with his family in the 1780s. He lived in Washington County in the area that became Marion County after 1840. Thomas married Anne Lawrence about 1792 and they are buried in Simpson County Kentucky, presumably in Pilot Knob Cemetery near their son Milton. Children of Thomas Bland and Anne Lawrence are:²⁷⁶

John (C1752-1836). The property adjoins the property of Daniel Bland, a son of John and Margaret Osborne Bland. Nelson County Deed Book 5, P. 359. AC 1-2, p. 15, shows a transfer of 215 acres between Thomas Morton Bland and John Bland in 1828, Washington County Deed Book J.

²⁷⁵ I should note that in correspondence with me in 1983, both Juanita Max and Richard Smith agreed that Thomas Morton Bland and John Bland were brothers of Charles and Rolly Bland, but in some correspondence with me in late 1983, Juanita came to disagree and believed Charles and Rolly were brothers and sons of John and Rachel but that Thomas Morton and John belonged to another family.

²⁷⁶ I am especially grateful for a series of letters and Genforum postings from Penny Athey, wife of Ron Athey, of Ozark Missouri, which elaborates the family of Thomas Morton Bland. They are identified individually in this text. See VU pp. 474-476 for children of Thomas Bland and Anne Lawrence. Also AC 1-2, p. 15, and AC p. 4-2, pp. 36-38. Courtesy of Juanita Max, there was a land transaction between "Thomas Bland and Anne, his wife and John Bland and Nancy his wife of Washington County" on August 18, 1807. Two entries from Washington County Deed Book J show Thomas passing 215 acres to John Bland in 1828. In 1984, Jane Dyer Arnold of Franklin Kentucky and Edith Lanning, now of Dunnellon Florida, provided substantial evidence linking Thomas Morton Bland and Anne Lawrence in a parent relationship with two additional sons, Milton and William Bland and a daughter Rachel. Those children are included in the list that follows. Cf. AC 1-2, pp. 15-16; AC 2-2, pp. 27-28; AC 3-1, pp. 26-28. AC 4-2, p. 36. According to a letter from Clara Beauchamp Babb Thomas and Ann were buried in Simpson County. Phyllis Goff, in 1987, submitted information that suggested a connection between the Randolph County North Carolina Blands and Lawrences, and those in the Nelson-Washington County area C1780-1800. Briefly, Thomas Arbuckle, who married Elizabeth Lawrence, a sister of Solomon and Joseph Lawrence, was a co-testator to the marriage in 1786 between Prudence Bland and George Watt. James Arbuckle, who married Susan Bland was the son of Thomas Arbuckle and Elizabeth Lawrence. James and Susan moved to Clark County Indiana about 1815, with James' parents. The family of James Bland and Ann Johnston of the Randolph County North Carolina branch, was found in the Indiana Territory, what became Clark County, from 1799-1812. Back in Randolph County, William Lawrence had married Caty Bland, a daughter of Moses Bland (C1718-1800). Thomas Morton Bland married Ann Lawrence about 1792. AC 5-2, pp. 25-27.

(A) JOHN BLANDFORD BLAND (November 8, 1793 - March 30, 1861) married Sally Kenley, (May 21, 1793 - March 11, 1864) on March 2, 1815.²⁷⁷ He moved to Simpson County in 1833 and lived near South Union for the rest of his life. John and Sally are buried at the Pilot Knob Cemetery in Simpson County. He and Sally had a family of seven children:²⁷⁸

(1) James Thomas Bland (C1815-1818)

(2) Harriet Hewall Bland (January 18, 1819 -) married James Roley (possibly Ruley).

(3) Marian Wallace Bland (February 19, 1821 - August 11, 1884) Marian married (1st) Thomas Bland and (2nd) Jackson Thurmond.

(4) Samuel Knight Bland (March 23, 1823 - July 22, 1913) was born in Washington County Kentucky. He married (1st) Elizabeth Viers (March 15, 1825 - December 27, 1882) on August 10, 1844 and (2nd) Annie L. _____. Samuel and Elizabeth are buried at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Simpson County Kentucky. They had four children:

(a) Annie L. Bland (C1843 - 1924)

(b) John F. Bland (1847-1887) who married Zenobia ____ (C1848 -) and had a son by her.

(c) Mary Ellen Bland (C1849 -)

(d) Dr. Euclid Bland (C1851 - 1876)

(d) King S. Bland

(5) Newton Chapman Bland (1825-1826)

(6) Sarah Ann Bland (C1830-1841)

(7) Louisa Frances Bland (C1836 -) who married Leland Pearce.

²⁷⁷ Per Jane Dyer Arnold, AC 2-2, p. 27, the dates listed for John Blandford Bland are from his tombstone. John Bland and Sally Kenley's dates, as well as several of their children's, taken from tombstone markings, are found in Judy Broderson, Comp. Greelawn Cemetery and Pilot Knob Cemetery, Simpson County, Franklin Township, Kentucky. Jane also gives John's marriage date to Sally Kenley as March 2, 1815. an alternate date is February 27, 1815. Cf. AC 4-2, p. 36. John and Sally are found in the 1850 Census for Simpson County, Page 50, dwelling 677. John is identified as 57, a farmer worth \$4,000.

²⁷⁸ Ibid. The 1850 Census lists eight, lists a Harriet Neely, age 31, living in John and Sally's household.

(B) WILLIAM LEWIS. BLAND (December 21, 1794 - 1875) ²⁷⁹ According to Edith Lanning, who provided pages from The House of Wilson and Its Connections, ²⁸⁰ Mariah/Moria Wilson (April 22, 1802 - 1897/1898), ²⁸¹ daughter of Josiah Wilson of Washington County Kentucky, married William Bland, "son of Thomas" on August 22, 1818. ²⁸² William Bland is said to have had a large property near Webbs Kentucky on the Green River, adjoining the land of Berry Carter. ²⁸³ William Bland and Berry Carter operated a tannery, had several slaves and were said to have become wealthy. ²⁸⁴ Note that Josiah Wilson's son Anthony married Elizabeth Bland (E) below by consent of Hannah S. Wilson. In his old age, William Bland suffered a paralytic stroke. He and Mariah Wilson lived out their old age in residence with their granddaughter Harriet Bland Brown. William and Mariah had a family of six children. ²⁸⁵

(1). Josiah Wilson Bland (June 28, 1820 -1872) Known by family and neighbors as "Wilson Bland" Josiah was born in Washington County Kentucky and died at "Horse Cave", Green County Kentucky. ²⁸⁶ According to House of Wilson,

²⁷⁹ Penny Athey to Charles L. Bland, July 3, 2005, hereafter referred to in notes as Athey, has been a valuable informational and photographiuc source for descendants of William Lewis Bland and Maraiiah Wilson. I am grateful to Penny for her helpful, enthusiastic and friendly critique of this section. Penny Athey, Genforum Posting, August 16, 2004 has it from William L. Bland's great great granddaughter that the L in his name represented Lewis.

²⁸⁰ By Lloyd R. Bland of Argonia Kansas, pp. 72-73. Lloyd Bland is discussed in AC 4-2, p. 37. Jane Midtby also supplied pages from The House of Wilson.

²⁸¹ Ibid. The House of Wilson states that Mariah Wilson Bland died in 1897 at age 96. Mariah's birthdate was determined from her mother's application for a military pensionas a widow of a Revolutionary War soldier. Through her father, Mariah had title to a 150 acre farm in Washington County Kentucky.

²⁸² Bland-Menaugh, "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky," p. 170.

²⁸³ Per Athey, Berry Carter was sometimes called Little berry or Littleberry.

²⁸⁴ The House of Wilson, p. 72.

²⁸⁵ I am grateful to Penny Athey for pointing out my error in referring to Harriet Bland Brown as Harriet Bland Coleman. Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, July 20, 1999 summarizes the children of William L Bland and Mariah Wilson. The 1850 Census for Marion County Kentucky, Page 383, Dwelling 787, shows William, age 55, bom in Maryland, living with a wife Mariah, age 49 and children William, age 22; Jane, age 21; Mariah, age 15 and Harriet, age 13. The House of Wilson shows William and Mariah's son Josiah married to "Berry Carter's only Daughter." The 1850 Census for Green County, Page 97, Dwelling 257, finds Little B. Carter age 50 and his wife Harriet, age 46, with Josiah Bland, age 25, and Sarah A.E. Bland, age 21. They had one child, a daughter Nancy C. Bland, age 1. Berry Carter was married to Harriet Wilson, sister to Mariah Wilson, who married William Bland (1794-1875), AC 2-2, p. 28 and AC 4-2, p. 36. I am grateful to Virginia Cox for her letters of September 18, November 3 and December 3, 1995 detailing her line of descent through Josiah Bland and Sarah Carter.

²⁸⁶ Many thanks to Penny Athey, Genforum Posting August 16, 2004, for the precise birth date of Josiah Bland. I have noted a number of sources that show Josiah kicking off this mortal coil in 1895. Virginia Cox makes a convincing case that that Josiah died in 1872, and backs up the claim by showing that in the 1880

Josiah first "married Berry Carter's only daughter"²⁸⁷ whose name was Sarah A.E. Carter (C1829 - 1850/1852) Sarah was born in Hart County Kentucky. The marriage bond was dated September 15, 1846.²⁸⁸ Josiah and Sarah lived in Hart County Kentucky. She and Josiah had together three children, all born in Green County Kentucky.²⁸⁹

- (a) William Berry Carter Bland (C1848 - 1869)
- (b) Nancy C. Bland (C1850 -) married James R. Walton.²⁹⁰
- (c) Emily Bland (C1852 - died young)
- (d) Unknown female child married George Russell

A Washington County Marriage Record, 1852-1860, shows Josiah, "a widower" marrying (2nd) Martha Elizabeth Rinehart, (February 1823 - November 4, 1895)²⁹¹ on December 23, 1852 at Springfield in Washington County Kentucky Martha was probably born in Washington County Kentucky and went to live in Yolo County California with her children about 1888. Martha died in California, of tuberculosis. She is buried at the Cottonwood Cemetery near Madison California. Vital statistics for Green County Kentucky, show the following children for Josiah and Martha:²⁹²

- (e) Wesley R. Bland (September 17, 1853 -) was born in Green County. He married Ida Hutchanson (probably Hutchinson) (February 1861 -) in Kentucky. They had three children.²⁹³
- (e) James Milton. Bland (December 1854 - October 13, 1922) was born in Lincoln County, probably in the home of Martha's parents. He died in Madison California of a cerebral hemorrhage. By the time of the 1880 census, James had gone to live in Madison, Yolo

census, Martha Rinehart was living in the home of her step-daughter Nancy C. Bland and James Walton. By 1888, she had gone to Madison in Yolo County California and died there in 1895, perhaps causing family historians to transpose the date of her death with Josiah's.

²⁸⁷ Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, November 3, 1995, called Sarah's parents "Little Berry Carter and Harriet Wilson." In a letter of July 20, 1999, Mrs. Cox notes that William Bland held a substantial piece of land on the Green River adjoining the land of Berry Carter, who was a slave holder and tanner who was said to be wealthy. Nancy C. Bland lived in the household of Little berry Carter at the time of the 1850 census.

²⁸⁸ Marriage Bond, Josiah W. Bland and Sara E. Carter, September 15, 1846.

²⁸⁹ Penny Athey, Genforum Posting, August 16, 2004, notes that Josiah Bland Junior, a son of Josiah and Sarah, died in "Young manhood."

²⁹⁰ Children were: Lena Walton (C1869 -) Carter W. Walton (C1872 - ; William Walton (C1874 -); Albert M. Walton (C1878 -)

²⁹¹ Date of Martha's death is strongly reinforced by an obituary in Winters Express November 9, 1895, Yolo County California. She was said to be 72 years and nine months at time of her death., also noting "her husband died 23 years ago."

²⁹² AC 4-2, pp 36-38. Information about Nancy C. Bland is provided from Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, November 3, 1995. I have the actual marriage bond and license, dated December 23, 1852. Death certificate of Martha Bland November 4, 1895.

²⁹³ Claude Bland (May 1882 -); Murl Bland (September 1886 -) and Royal/Royle Bland (September 1893 -)

County California, near his cousin James Milton Bland (1842- 1902), where he became a cattle rancher. James married Awilda Howard (July 1868 – December 31, 1952) a native of Madison California on September 2, 1885.²⁹⁴

(f) Elizabeth L. "Lizzy" Bland (November 10, 1856 – 1887) married John McKay and they had three children.²⁹⁵ She died possibly from an overdose of medication she took for a bad case of rheumatism. John McKay was the doctor who prescribed the medicine. Hmmm. Good ol' John.

(g) Robert Dale Bland (February 7, 1859- January 19, 1835). A family story is that in the wake of Josiah Bland's death, which resulted in Martha's impoverishment, Robert was sent to live with neighbors, Claiborne Harlow to work as a farm hand until he reached his majority. Robert married Mary Elizabeth Renfro (November 10, 1863 – May 15, 1936) on March 1885 in Canmer, Hart County Kentucky.²⁹⁶

(2) Thomas Milton Bland (March 15, 1827 – January 15, 1897)²⁹⁷ Thomas was born in Washington County Kentucky. He lived for a time in Marion and then Green County, which was formed in 1793 from Nelson and Lincoln Counties. He probably lived in that part that divided into what is now Taylor County in 1848. He moved to "Old Ulysses" in Grant County Kansas in March 1887. His two sons, Lloyd and William Alonzo, followed him there, arriving in 1888. Thomas Milton Bland was the first registrar of deeds in Grant County. In June 1888, Thomas set out eastward across Kansas by covered wagon, following friends recommendations about the richness of the land around the Chiskia River, which runs through Harper and Sumner Counties. Thomas settled on land northeast of the growing market center of Argonia, Sumner County, and lived out his life there. He may have served in the Confederacy Thomas married (1st) Sarah June Ray (C1831 – September 27, 1865) on October 9, 1849 and by her had a family of five children.²⁹⁸

²⁹⁴ Children were Edward V. Bland (March 1887 – August 4, 1943; Ruby O. Bland (June 1888 -) and James O. Bland. James also raised the children of his sister Elizabeth after she died in 1887. Obituary of James M. Bland October 13, 1922, San Francisco Chronicle.

²⁹⁵ Ollie McKay (April 1876 -); Fred McKay; Ruby O'Dell McKay.

²⁹⁶ Robert and Mary had a family of eight children, including Ada Wilda Bland (February 28, 1889 -) who married James Ora Weldon They had four children including Ruth Weldon (1911-1993) mother of Dwayne Dale Cox, husband of my correspondent Virginia Cox, descends through Robert Dale Bland. Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, September 18, 1995.

²⁹⁷ Genforum Posting, Michelle Forrest, February 2, 2000. Though per Athey, Thomas Milton's obituary states he was born in Marion County, and his daughter's marriage bond said the same, it was Washington County at the time of his birth. Lloyd Bland in House of Wilson, P. 72, noted that his old man went by the name of Milton.

²⁹⁸ Many of the precise dates shown for children and grandchildren of Thomas Milton Bland should be attributed to Argonia Kansas cemetery records attached to a letter from "David" to Alan Jones (Undated) and to Penny Athey, Genforum Posting June 7, 2005. According to Richard Smith to Charles L. Bland July 20, 1999, William Bland and Mariah Wilson were living with son Thomas Milton Bland in 1860. Per Athey, Anthony Sandusky Wilson wrote home to his family in Kansas in 1864 from Kentucky (where he was making an "old home" trip to visit relatives and sell some land) that William and Mariah were still alive and living with their son Milton, i.e. Thomas Milton Bland. Athey notes a series of letters between

- (a) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (March 1852 -) Nicknamed "Emma", she married _____ Marcum in Kentucky.
- (b) Ann Maria Bland (December 15, 1851 -) known as "Sis" married James C. Vance (C1840 -) September 30, 1875 in Green County Kentucky. James and Anna came to Sumner County Kansas in 1888 and later moved to Independence Kansas where Anna died.
- (c) Mary Cole Bland, (October 12, 1857 – after January 26, 1930) She married Melvin Frank Arnett In the early 1880s.²⁹⁹
- (d) Lloyd Ray Bland (February 9, 1859- March 30, 1948). Lloyd Ray Bland, author of a chapter in the important historical work, The House of Wilson and Its Connections was born in Greensburg, Green County Kentucky. He died in Argonia, Sumner County Kentucky In 1877, Lloyd went with his father to Hardin County Kentucky where they were engaged in mercantile business. In 1887, Lloyd, his wife and his brother William Alonzo Bland and William's wife set out by covered wagon from Green County Kentucky and arrived in Ulysses, Grant County Kansas in 1888 where they joined up with their father Thomas Milton Bland. Lloyd is found in the 1900 Census for Sumner County, Kansas, Dixon Township, with a wife. On January 11, 1887³⁰⁰ at Sonora, Larue County Kentucky, Lloyd married Wildora Mae Dorsey, (October 13 1856 – January 10, 1949) born in Kentucky. They moved to Grant County Kansas shortly after their marriage and later to Argonia, Sumner County, where he spent the rest of his life. Lloyd and Wildora had five children all born in Kansas.³⁰¹ I am happy to display on the following page a photograph of Lloyd Bland and Wildora Dorsey, courtesy of Penny Athey.

Anthony Sandusky Wilson and his son Fletcher Wilson are very revealing of the chaotic times during the Civil War and in the south and in Kansas.

²⁹⁹ Melvin was Mary's unrelated step-brother, son of Lucy Jane Marcum Arnett and Melvin Arnett.

³⁰⁰ Athey elaborates that the 1887 date is proven over variant given dates of 1885, because in the year of Lloyd's death, they celebrated their 61st anniversary.

³⁰¹ Charles Euphratus Bland (September 25 1888- April 30, 1975) Charles Married Grace Claire McDaniel (1890-1956) in 1911. Wildora's pregnancy with Charles prevented her and Lloyd from leaving for Argonia with Lloyds father and brother, but they caught up later. Walter Ray Bland (December 17, 1890 – September 14, 1962) married Emma May McDaniel a sister of brother Charles' wife; William Everett Bland (1892 – after 1949) married Lois Fox in 1912; Thomas A. Bland (February 23, 1895 – April 5, 1895) and Lula Ann Bland (November 7, 1898 – November 13, 1970). Lula married Richard Sheridan Forrest Jr. She died in Argonia Kansas and is buried there. She married Richard Sheridan Forrest, per penny Athey, Genforum Posting June 7, 2005.



Lloyd Bland (1859-1948) and Wildora Dorsey (1856-1949)
Courtesy Penny Athey



L-R William Alonzo Bland (1861-1935); Sarah Elizabeth "Emma" Bland (1852-) Lloyd Bland (1859-1948) and Mary Cole Bland (1857 - C1930)
Courtesy Penny Athey

(e) William Alonzo Bland (April 21, 1861- July 11, 1935) was born in Greenup, Green County Kentucky and died at Argonia Kansas. In 1900 he was living in Creek Township in Sumner County Kansas with Lucretia Jane Oldridge (June 24 1861- July 20, 1940) whom he married September 9, 1885. Lucretia was born near Sonora, Larue County Kentucky and died near Argonia Kansas. William and Lucretia had four children and a foster child that was raised from infancy to adult hood.³⁰²

After the death of Sarah June Ray, Thomas Milton Bland married (2nd) Lucy Jane Marcum Arnett (March 9, 1838 – January 1924) on March 21, 1867 in Green County Kentucky³⁰³ Thomas Milton Bland and Lucy Jane Marcum Arnett had five children born near Greensburg in Green County and near Argonia, Kansas where the family migrated:

(f) Andy Bluford Bland (August 8, 1868 – January 26, 1930) was born in Greensburg, Green County Kentucky and died at Wichita, Sedgewick County Kansas. He was enumerated in Sumner County Kansas in 1900 with a wife Mary Louise Smith (January 21, 1872 – February 22, 1944)), whom he married July 26, 1891 in Argonia Kansas. They had eight children.³⁰⁴

(g) Ezra Edward Bland (August 23, 1869 – February 20, 1938) Ezra was born in Sonora Kentucky and died at Enid, Garfield County Kentucky. Ezra is found in Sumner County Kansas in 1900, living with a brother-in-law, William H. Miller. He married Nettie W. Lorgier (April 18, 1880 – April 2, 1906) on December 19, 1900 . They had one son.³⁰⁵

Ezra married (2nd) Mabel McIntire in 1919 at Guthrie, Logan County Oklahoma.³⁰⁶ There were no children.

³⁰² John Milton Bland (March 21, 1888 - 1975), buried in the Argonia Kansas cemetery. John married (1st), January 4, 1900, Anna Chandler (1884-1910) and (2nd) Bertha (C1888 -) _____ and Vera Ole Bland (February 10, 1891 – February 1, 1919). Vera married Wilbert Ray Jesseph in July 1906; Mary O. Bland (February 1891 – before 1910); Lloyd Thornton Bland (August 1, 1904 - January 8, 1924) and Luke Cruse (August 26, 1899 – February 3, 1988) a foster child. He married (1) Matilda Reimer on April 5 1922 and (2nd) Lillian Betty Whitaker on July 10, 1980.

³⁰³ According to a letter to the Kentucky Historical Society by Helen B. Bland, August 27, 1961, Lucy Jane Marcum married Melvin Arnett, January 26, 1858. Arnett died in 1860 and Lucy remarried to Thomas Milton Bland, March 21, 1867. E-Mail, Terri to Charles L. Bland, March 24, 1999 was very helpful with dates of children of Thomas Milton Bland and Sarah June Ray.

³⁰⁴ Purdue Bland (1891-); Lucy Mildred Bland (1893-1894); Charles Devere Bland (April 19, 1895 – September 15, 1987) married Lucille Anna _____; Edward Bland (1898-); and Clyde Bland (December 31 1899 - January 26, 1969); A.V. Bland; Ruth Bland and a female child with no name. .

³⁰⁵ Orin T. Bland

³⁰⁶ In 1918, Ezra obtained land for a farm west of Enid Oklahoma in the Cherokee Strip Land Rush of 1893.

(h) Lena Rivers Bland (August 29, 1871 – after January 1924) married _____ Harrison.

(i) William Alonzo Bland (March 1875 -) married Cora E. _____ both husband and wife born in Kentucky, and had two children:³⁰⁷

(j) Alice Bland (October 12, 1875-) never a dull moment for old Lucy!

(k) Ruby Bland (May 22, 1882 – after January 1924). Married Harry Tabor of Dennison Texas.

(3) Jane or Anne Bland (C1829 -)³⁰⁸

(4) Sarah Elizabeth Bland (C1831 -) married D.F. Marvin. They had three sons and three daughters.

(5) Harriet Bland (August 12, 1835 -) was born in Green County Kentucky. She married Coleman T. Brown December 17, 1857.

(6) Mary Bland (C 1855 -) according to Athey, the date is correct. Family legend is that it broke Mariah's health and that after that she was somewhat crazy, though not for William anymore.

(C) POLLY (MARY) BLAND (C1799 -) married Thomas Pearce or Pearle in Washington County March 21, 1816.³⁰⁹

(D) RACHEL BLAND (C1800 -) The House of Wilson also made reference to a marriage by William E. Wilson, (February 14, 1795 - after April 1864) son of Josiah Wilson, who married a Rachel Bland. They were married December 22, 1817.³¹⁰

³⁰⁷ John Milton Bland, Vera Ola Bland, Mary O. Bland, Lloyd Thornton Bland, and an adopted child, Luke Cruse. Athey notes that Luke became very enmeshed with the Blands of Argonia Kansas.

³⁰⁸ Per Athey, The House of Wilson, p. 55, states that William L. Bland and Mariah Wilson had three children, Josiah Wilson Bland, Thomas Milton Bland and Harriett Bland Lloyd Ray Bland, however, writes in his chapter of the book (p. 72) that there were five (actually six) children adding Sarah, Anne and Mary. Patty Vance Hayes gives the daughters names as Sarah, Elizabeth, Jane and Mariah. Penny Athey adds her skepticism to this positioning, arguing that Jane was the Daughter of Thomas Morton Bland.

³⁰⁹ Margaret Kingston, Washington County Marriage Records: 1792-1878 p. 136.

³¹⁰ Per Athey, William E. Wilson was a brother of John Hardin Wilson. William was still alive in April of 1864, per The House of Wilson. There is a note somewhere that they married January 23, 1817 but May Conway, Washington County Marriage Bonds: 1792-1825 and Bland-Menaugh Correspondence "Marriages in Springfield Kentucky" p. 166, reflects the December 22, 1817 date. Rachel is identified as Thomas Bland's daughter. Discussion about William and Rachel Bland and their marriages to Josiah Wilson's children is found in AC 2-2, pp. 28-30; Cf AC 4-2, pp. 36-37.

(E) ELIZABETH BLAND (C1801 - March 15, 1833) is buried at Grayson Springs Kentucky. Elizabeth married Anthony Sandusky Wilson, (June 17 1797 – October 9, 1864) a son of Josiah Wilson, December 21, 1818. Elizabeth died of pneumonia and her husband moved to Kansas after her death.

(F) SAMUEL LAWRENCE BLAND Samuel Lawrence Bland (March 29, 1802 - April 1, 1839). Richard Smith reasoned that Samuel Lawrence was named after his mother's father. Samuel married Harriet Phillips (January 7, 1808 – August 16, 1856) in Nelson County Kentucky January 12, 1829. They lived in Nelson County and are buried at Mill Creek Cemetery in Nelson County.³¹¹ Samuel Lawrence and Harriet had a family of six children including:

(1) James Thomas Bland (December 2, 1829-) who moved to Paris, Missouri. He married Mary Hester Beauchamp, December 19, 1855.

(2) John Bemis Bland (September 12, 1831-September 9, 1910) John died in Paris Missouri, but according to his sister moved from Kentucky to Brookings, South Dakota. John married Margaret Hill and they had a family of four children.

(a) Benjamin Bland went to Texas.

(b) James A. Bland, died in Wisconsin in 1925.

(c) Samuel Bland, who died in new Mexico in 1886.

(d) Elizabeth Bland (September 17, 1861 – January 5, 1936) was born in Washington County and died in Brookings, South Dakota. Elizabeth married Joseph Catlett.³¹²

(3) Jemima Jane Bland (July 9, 1833-) married Sylvester A. Beauchamp on December 1, 1853 in Bardstown, Nelson County. Subsequently she moved with her husband to Missouri and Texas.

(4) Samuel Phillips Bland (April 2, 1835 - May 3, 1856)

(5) Lucinda Bland (1837-1853)

³¹¹ AC 1-2, p. 15, Nelson County Deed Book 22, June 20, 1839, pp. 278-279, shows the heirs of Samuel Bland as John B. Bland, James T. Bland, Jane Bland, Samuel Bland and Elizabeth Bland. In the 1850 Census for Nelson County, Harriet Phillips Bland is found on page 363, dwelling 349. The family of Samuel Lawrence Bland and Harriet Phillips is fully articulated in AC 4-2, p. 37. Harriet Bland also gave birth to an unnamed child October 1853 and a daughter Clara, December 1, 1854. I saw the graves of Samuel and Harriet when I visited Kentucky in 1985. Harriet touches my heart.

³¹² VU, pp. 475-476. Elizabeth and Joseph had a daughter Marguerite, who married Homer Smith, parents of Richard Smith.

(6) Elizabeth Bland (1839-1850).

Two entries show that Harriet Phillips Bland also had an unnamed male child October 1853 and a daughter Clara, December 1, 1854. They were born at Mill Creek, Nelson County.

(G) JANE BLAND (c1805 – 1848) Married Anthony Sandusky (- 1841) on August 28, 1826 ³¹³

(H) MILTON BLAND (July 10, 1806 - November 25, 1863). Milton is buried in Pilot Knob Cemetery, Simpson County Kentucky. He married Almira Kendley (January 7, 1808 - February 28, 1883) ³¹⁴ in Mercer County on February 7, 1832. At least for a time ion 1833-1836, Milton and Almira were in Warren County Kentucky. Milton and Almira had three children. ³¹⁵

(1) Sara Eliza Bland (February 25, 1833 - November 24, 1913) Sarah died in Simpson County. She married Phillip Kennerly Arnold (1818-1879) on December 3, 1853. ³¹⁶

(2) Lucinda Bland (July 19, 1834 – September 29, 1901) Lucinda married Eli Harris on August 10, 1852. They had three children.

(3) Jaspar Bland (C1838 -) was born in Kentucky and was a farmer in Buckeye, Shasta County. An H. J. Bland (possibly Jaspar) was a Methodist preacher who served in and around Yolo California between 1859-1861. He was married to A.L. ____ and they had a daughter

(a) Mary Bland (December 7, 1860 -).

(4) James Milton Bland (November 25, 1842 – April 13, 1902) James married (1st) Gabriella Susan Barker (1846 - 1869) about 1865. James and Gabriella had three children : ³¹⁷

³¹³ This information attached to a letter from Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, November 3, 1995, but see also Athey noted above in discussion about Jane Bland, purported daughter of Thomas Milton Bland .

³¹⁴ Broderson, *Op. Cit.* The date given for Almira's birth is May 15, 1816.

³¹⁵ AC 2-2, pp. 27-28. Milton and Almira are found in the Logan County Kentucky Census for 1850, Page 46, dwelling 679. Later descendants of this family are discussed in AC 9-2, pp. 33-34.

³¹⁶ Their son, Milton Bland Arnold married Lydia Emma Turner., whose son, James Phillip Arnold, married my correspondent Jane Elizabeth Dyer.

³¹⁷ AC 9-2, pp. 33-34 Martha Bland (C1824-1895) who died near Madison. It is impossible to tell what her relation to James Milton Bland might have been. William Lee Bland (C1825/1840-) said to be born in Missouri, who married Julia Etta ____ (C1830/1842-) born in Iowa. One of Julia's relatives reported that she

- (a) Sarah Nancy Bland (C1866-1947)
- (b) James Emmette Bland (C1869-1893)
- (c) Louella Bland (C1869 -) James and Louella Bland were twins.

Gabriella died after giving birth to the twins and that James Milton Bland, tormented or relieved, lit out for California. Alternately, he might have deserted his Kentucky family. As a California resident, James consistently gave his birth year as 1855. James lived in, a little town near Woodland in Yolo County. Madison, a little town near Woodland in Yolo County and East Cottonwood in Shasta County and married Alwilda Howard, (C1868 -) on September 2, 1885. Alwilda Howard Bland by 1905 owned property in Woodland California.

(I) LUCINDA BLAND (December 13, 1807 - September 15, 1843) Lucinda married Samuel Pottinger Phillips on September 23, 1828.³¹⁸

(J) ADELINE BLAND (C1812-) married Gregory Glasscock in Washington County, April 11, 1829.

lived to be 103 years old.³¹⁷ William and Julia may have been dead by 1880, when their 13 year old daughter Anna (below) was found in the household of Frank and Emma Pearson. William Lee Bland and Julia Etta appear to have had five children: 1. Emma Josephine Bland (C1861-June 2, 1928), who married Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Pearson January 24, 1879 in Shasta County California. Emma had seven children by Frank Pearson, but she divorced him some time between 1895 and 1902. Secondly, Emma married on January 28, 1902, Dennis J. McCarthy of Cottonwood California, by whom she must have had one child. According to Mrs. Pearson, "they parted company" before 1920 and Emma moved to Woodland, Yolo County California. Emma formed a friendship with and might have married Frank Prasso and on February 26, 1920, Prasso made out his will bequeathing his estate to Emma. As it happened, Emma and Prasso were killed in a fatal car accident May 31, 1928. Prasso was killed instantly and Emma died two days later. 2. Anna Bland (C1867-); 3. Charles Milton Bland (August 28, 1867 - April 4, 1959). Charles married Carrie Emeline Tuggle (June 18, 1879 - July 12, 1960) on June 11, 1898. Charles and Carrie were in the cattle business and maintained separate herds. As Mrs. Pearson puts it, "there were many brisk discussions between these two people as to who was rustling whose cattle at round-up times." Charles and Carrie had five children: Floyd Elmet Bland, Gussie Willard Bland, Crissie Milton Bland, Carl Adelbert Bland (1906-living in 1991). Very important to understanding Charlesa Milton Bland is a Genforum Posting by his great great nephew Jeremy Tuggle, December 1, 2002; and Millia Alivlder Bland; 4. George R. Bland (C1872-1874). George was listed as 24 in the Great Register of Shasta County California for 1896-1898. George married, and had two children: Alfaretta Bland (November 30, 1897 -October 8, 1990) who married ___ Boswell, and Charles Milton Bland who is still living. 5. William Bland. William married and had four children, a daughter and three sons, one called Vernie.

³¹⁸ Samuel and Lucinda are briefly mentioned in Michael and Bettie Anne Cook, Pioneer History of Washington County Kentucky (1980), p. 27, hereafter referred to in notes as Cook and Cook. Kingston, p. 139. Maguire, p. 7, states that the bond was issued on September 22 and the marriage took place September 23, 1828. Peggy Rush, Minnetonka Minnesota, wrote me September 18, 1988 stating that she believes Samuel Pottinger is the son of James and Elizabeth Pottinger.

(K) LELAND BLAND (March 13, 1812 - June 7, 1850) Leland married a cousin, Lydia Bland, (March 15, 1812 - January 31, 1869) daughter of William Bland (1765-1850) of Nelson County. They were married on October 24, 1831 in Nelson County. Between 1833-1836, land transactions show they lived in Warren County Kentucky near Leland's brother Milton and then in Hardin County Kentucky Leland, Lydia and their children are buried in the Red Mill Cemetery in Hardin County Kentucky.³¹⁹

(1) William T. Bland (April 15, 1833 – May 6, 1867)

(2) Margaret A. Bland (April 20, 1835 – March 16, 1851)

(3) Granville Bland ((November 6, 1837 – October 8, 1855)

(4) Lucinda Bland (C1840 -)

(5) Adeline Bland ((January 28, 1843 – November 25, 1851)

(6) Henry Bland (C1845 -) is enumerated in the 1870 census only with a child John L. Bland (C1866 -)

(7) James H. Bland (December 3, 1847 – December 12, 1874) is buried at the Glendale Church Cemetery in Marion County.

(8) Mary Elizabeth Bland (December 23, 1849 – August 18, 1851)

(L) LYDIA BLAND Nothing more is known of Lydia.

2. JOHN BLAND (1774-1825)³²⁰ married Nancy Edmonston March 14, 1796 in Washington County Kentucky.³²¹ In an entry in Washington County Records John Bland in 1806 is named guardian of an orphan, James Edmonston. In 1807, Thomas Morton Bland

³¹⁹ See below, family of William Bland and Sarah Peake. AC 3-1, pp. 27-28 and AC 4-2, p. 38. The widow Lydia Bland and her brood of little Bland younguns is found in Hardin County 1850 Census, Page 386, Dwelling 32.

³²⁰ For the date of John's death: In AC 1-2, p. 15, there is reference to a will of John Bland, January 8, 1825. Bland-Menaugh, Washington County Kentucky Will Book D, p. 95, distributes slaves named French, Dangerfield, Minor, Sharlott, Sissey, Major and James to his children. Again, in Gerald Thompson, Kentucky Catholic Pioneers, Vol 1, "The Rolling Fork Settlement", p. 90, entry 1235, Daniel Purdy marries Elizabeth Bland, daughter of the widow Nancy Bland, bond posted November 29, 1824. Washington County Package 216, July 13, 1820, Bland-Menaugh, speaks of John Bland, deceased. Washington County Deed Book H, P. 48, February 13, 1822, names Nancy Bland a dower widow of John Bland.

³²¹ Bland-Menaugh "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky", p. 12. Patty Edmonston was witness. This would negate the possibility that this John Bland married Hannah Lewellen. VU, p. 457.

and his wife Anne Lawrence as well as John Bland and Nancy Edmonston, deed 300 acres on Rolling Fork of the Salt River. In 1818 John and his wife Nancy deed 100 acres at the head of Cartwright Creek to Wilson Edmonston. In another transaction,³²² John identified the following children in his will:

(A) THOMAS S. BLAND (C1797 - died before 1850). A marriage bond to Thomas S. Bland to marry Kesiah Simpson (1813 living in 1881), was issued in Washington County Kentucky October 3, 1837.³²³ There are a series of later transactions between Kesiah Bland and Jasper Bland, 1865-1881.³²⁴

(B) ELIZABETH BLAND (1803-1864) married Daniel Purdy December 2, 1824.³²⁵ Elizabeth Bland Purdy is buried in the Holy Name of Mary Parish Cemetery in Washington County.

(C) MARTHA "PATSY" BLAND Martha married Joseph Liston in Washington County May 23, 1826 and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois.³²⁶

³²² Bland-Menaugh Correspondence, Washington County Kentucky Deed Book 7, p. 127, August 4, 1818; Washington County Order Book 1, p. 436, November 3, 1806; Deed Book C, P. 295, August 18, 1807.

³²³ Juanita Max to Charles L. Bland, June 28, 1990, says they were married October 3, 1827 and Maguire, Washington County Marriage Records 1826-1835, reflects a bond posted on October 3, 1837. The 1837 date fits the children enumerated in the 1850 census and seems more plausible in that John, age 40 would be marrying a 24 year old woman, rather than John, age 30, marrying a 14 year old. Sources are all secondary.

³²⁴ The 1850 Census, shows Kesiah Bland in Marion County Kentucky, with sons Simpson Bland (C1838 -); Marion Bland (C1840-); Fletcher Bland (C1842-) and Crittenden (C1848 -). A child named Melvin Bland was born to Kesiah April 15, 1853, but no father was listed. AC 4-2, p. 34. For Jasper, see Juanita Max to Charles L. Bland, January 30, 1985.

³²⁵ Bond was posted for this marriage on November 29, 1824 per Gerald Thompson, Kentucky Catholic Pioneers, Vol 1, "The Rolling Fork Settlement", entry 1235, page 90. AC 1-2, p. 16. Daniel and Elizabeth Bland Purdy had a daughter Iola Bell Purdy, who married John Ellington Morgan Faulkner. Their son Carroll Purdy Faulkner married Lela Madelina Brown and they were parents of Juanita Faulkner Max, my correspondent. Daniel Purdy's parents were Henry Purdy and Nancy Smith, who were married March 13, 1793. Henry and Nancy were also in the maternal line of descent for Juanita Max. Henry also married Ann Scarbrough Stayton, daughter of Joseph Staton and Scarbrough Mathews. Ann was the sister of Catherine Stayton, who married Charles Bland in 1795 (see above, p.). Joseph Staton was the son of Warrington Staton, thence the source of names in the family of Charles Bland and Catherine Stayton. Nancy Smith was the daughter of Presley Smith and Nancy Kinchloe. Presley Smith was the son of James Smith, (C1723-1785) who was the brother of Thomas Smith, who was the father of Fleming Smith who married Prudence Bland (1750-1815). Daniel Purdy and Elizabeth Bland are found in the 1850 Census for Marion County on Page 334, Dwelling 113. This information is found in Pearl O. Smith, "Peter Smith of Westmoreland County Virginia." March 1973, pp. 11-12 and in Juanita Max to Charles L. Bland, February 2, 1990, and June 28, 1990.

³²⁶ AC 4-2, p. 38 and AC 5-2, p. 29. Joseph is listed as Leaton in Kingston, p. 102. Kingston misspell's Daniel Purdy's name, Note 229 above, as Picardy. A Joseph Liston also was bondsman for a marriage between Mary

(D) SUSAN OR SUSANNAH BLAND married William Wright on April 16, 1827 and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois. By 1868, they were back in Marion County Kentucky.³²⁷

(E) MARY BLAND

(F) SARAH "SALLY" BLAND married Harvey Sharpe and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois.

(G) JOHN BLANDFORD BLAND (C1818 - 1874). The 1850 Census for Marion County includes John B. Bland, born in Kentucky, living with Berniece Glazebrook born in 1831. John and Bereniece had three children.³²⁸

VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA FAMILIES

THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS BLAND (1719-1788)

1. THOMAS BLAND (C1719-1788) was the fourth known son of William Bland (C1686-1744) and the second son William had with Catherine Key. Thomas likely remained in Prince William County, but historical records show that he was from Fauquier County, which was formed in 1759 from Prince William.³²⁹ Thomas's will and other evidence suggests that he was married twice. The name of a first wife was unknown, but when his will was made, Thomas was married to a widow, Jane (probably) English Smith. There is no evidence when Jane was born, but she made her will in 1797 and it was probated July 25, 1802.³³⁰ I want to review this line because of interest among correspondents in the past

Bland and Redmond Preuit, (p. 30, N. 88 above).

³²⁷ Ibid. Also, Maguire, Washington County Marriage Records: 1826-1835 p. 8.

³²⁸ AC 1-2, p. 15 and AC 3-1, PP. 27-28 1850 Census, Page 410, Dwelling 210. Joyce Bland McCool interpreted it as Burnice or Bonita. Two children are listed, Sarah E. Bland, age 5, and Nancy E. Bland, age 2. Another child, Mary F. Bland, was born May 12, 1852. In AC 4-2, p. 35, I speculated that John's wife's maiden name was Glasebrook. Juanita Max believes the marriage records were destroyed by a fire in the courthouse in 1863. Marion County Deed book 4, p. 127, November 1867, shows that J.B. Bland is still alive (the deed was signed by Berency Bland and J.M. Bland), while Deed Book 8, P. 164, May 8, 1874, shows that Burnice Bland is a widow.

³²⁹ For Thomas Bland and his children, see VU, pp. 367-392. This essay is distilled from AC 9-2 pp. 6-28 and AC 15-17, pp. 46-50.

³³⁰ AC 3-1, p. 30; AC 7-2, p. 24. Jane's maiden name, English, is probable but not decisively proven. Mary Kathryn Harris and Mary Iva Jean Jorgensen, James Stark of Stafford County and His Descendants Vol 1. (1985), p. 274. Jane was the widow of Joseph Smith and the mother of Smith's children, including Weedon Smith, a distinctive name that later crops up in one of the Bland families of Hardin County Kentucky, as did an obvious close relationship with the English and Stark Families, who intermarried with the Smiths and to some

few years to know more about it. Also, in this essay perhaps I can satisfy a long standing debt to contributions by a friend and cousin Paul Hamrick of Sheffield Ohio.³³¹ When Thomas died, it is probable that he had the following children:

A. HENRY BLAND (C1741-1777). Henry, whose dates are speculative, is known by a 1777 transaction between himself and Thomas Bland, his father and by circumstantial evidence. It is probable that Mildred Bland Hughes mentioned in the will of John Bland (1725-1795) was the widow of Henry Bland, who moved to Nelson County, perhaps with John and Margaret or later and married William Hughes. In his will of October 5, 1795³³² John Bland specifies that Nancy Bland Webb, daughter to Henry Bland, who married Robert Webb on March 30, 1807, should have 20 pounds, to come from the share of Mildred Hughes.³³³ Over the years, we have come to understand that the reference to Henry Bland was in fact to this Henry (C1741-1777) the son of John's brother Thomas (C1719-1788).

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

C. NANCY BLAND Nancy married George Harding about 1785.

D. THOMAS BLAND (C1765-1792). Thomas married Sarah Byrne (1768-1831) in Fauquier County about 1785. Thomas was not one of the brighter stars in the Bland family constellation. In November 1792, with the onset of winter, he gathered up his wife Sarah, and two small sons John and Samuel, (Sarah was then pregnant with Thomas Bland 1793-1867) and struck out for Kentucky, via the Cumberland Gap!!! Along the way, they would visit with Sarah's brother in law in Monongalia Glades Virginia. As it happened, fortunately for Thomas' wife and children, they tarried in Winchester Virginia,³³⁴ with relatives for a time before moving on. Presently, Thomas developed a raging fever and, unhappily for him,

extent with the Blands. William Stark, for example, married Ann Smith, a daughter of Jane Smith Bland, and Susannah Stark, married James Bland, a son of Jane Smith Bland by Thomas Bland. Within the family of Thomas' brother John Bland (C1725-1795) 25A6E, David Stark, married Mildred Bland, a daughter of John's son Daniel Bland, (C1764-1838) and Elizabeth Hughes, who lived in Hardin County.

³³¹ A previous statement I made that this family never had a historian's voice is a poor choice of words. One family historian is Mary Lou Shaddock of Fort Collins Colorado; Paul Hamrick of Sheffield Ohio is another. I'm sure this statement omits others, for which I beg forgiveness. Robert Linn Bland (1868-1957) from Weston West Virginia, was descended from Thomas' son Thomas (VU, pp. 191-249 passim) and his daughter, the late Urilla Bland, did extensive research on the Bland family in general and was very influential to my own early research. I once claimed that Thomas' son James (1780-1829)) would be my adopted family, but alas, I have made a poor substitute for a devoted descendant.

³³² VU pp. 428-429.

³³³ AC 3-1, p. 32; AC 3-2, p. 43 and AC 13, p. 67, N. 235.

³³⁴ I attach a great deal of significance to this stop-over with family in Winchester Virginia and have long thought it is a key that situates Joseph Bland (C1752-1820) with this family.

before he could find a doctor, came upon a slave who was carrying several buckets of water. Thomas besought the no doubt startled slave to pour three or four buckets of the cold water over his head. Wow! Three or four buckets! The slave, seeing a sure opportunity to lighten his load and perhaps strike a blow for black people, obliged young Tom, who promptly froze to death. Poor Tom! But he was a goner anyway. If the obliging slave hadn't done him in, he would have disappeared in the Cumberland Gap forever. At least his wife and children were spared. He was buried at Winchester, among his people, as they say. But stories like this have a happy ending. Fortunately, for all of Thomas and Sarah's descendants now living in Lewis County West Virginia, Sarah was the smarter half. She might have pressed on into the wilderness. But she didn't. Rather, she turned back to her father's home in Prince William County, where she gave birth to Thomas Bland (1793-1867). After Thomas was born, Sarah returned to Monongalia County and married Jacob Zinn.³³⁵ By Thomas Bland, Sarah Byrne had three sons:³³⁶

- (1) John Buckner Bland (1787-1868). Thomas moved to Louisville in Jefferson County Kentucky, where he married Ann Lewis Bridgeford (1798-1891) in 1820. John and Ann lived out their lives around Louisville. They had ten children, all of whom lived around Louisville Kentucky.
- (2) Samuel Bland (1790-1815). So far as we know, Samuel did not marry.
- (3) Thomas Bland (1793-1867) Thomas was the fortunate son whose life was spared when Sarah Byrne cancelled the trip across the Cumberland Gap. Thomas married Mary Newlon (1796-1879) on December 10, 1815, and they lived out their lives in Lewis County West Virginia. They had nine children, who lived in the Lewis County area.

E. JAMES BLAND (December 19, 1780 - February 2, 1829) James was identified in his father's will as "my youngest son." He married Susannah Stark (March 3, 1783 - September 17, 1852) in Fauquier County Virginia on July 19, 1800. About 1803, following the death of his mother, James divested property in Fauquier County Virginia and moved to Hardin County Kentucky. By 1810, Thomas and Susannah were well settled near Rhude's Creek, a branch of the Nolin River. James and Susannah were buried at the West Rhude's Creek Cemetery and had a fairly substantial family, who seem to have stayed fairly close to Hardin County.³³⁷

F. CATHERINE BLAND Nothing further is known of Catherine.

³³⁵ VU, pp. 373-375.

³³⁶ For greater detail about these three sons, see VU, pp. 374-390.

³³⁷ VU pp. 478-479 and AC 3-1, pp. 30-32 and 4-2, pp. 31-32.

G. MARY BLAND Following her father's death, Mary moved to Nelson County Kentucky and took up with her Uncle John Bland (1725-1795). She married Henry Higgins on February 25, 1793.

H. JOSEPH BLAND (c1752-1820) While hypothetically including Joseph among the children of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) this cannot be said with certainty and thus, I have also made his descendants #4 among the major families.

Previously and even now some researchers argue that Joseph was a son of a man named Richard Bland but there has been no concrete historical or genealogical evidence to document this Richard Bland's existence.³³⁸

Tradition has it that Joseph Bland was a Tory during the revolution. A letter from Joseph's great grand daughter, Blanchie Bland, in 1927, suggested a somewhat more complicated picture, that Joseph was an American sympathizer who was forced to serve in the colonies after he was drafted into the British Army. As soon as he could, according to Blanchie Bland, he defected to General Washington's Army. In 1936, George W. Bland of Clarksburg West Virginia, one of the major historians of the family, rendered a different story, that Joseph wanted to go back to England with the defeated British Army, but was unable to do so because of his wounded knee. In other ways, Blanchie and George Bland's stories converge, but George Bland, even though he asserts that Joseph was the son of Richard Bland of Prince William County Virginia, adds "This Richard has not been identified."³³⁹

If he were a Tory, that may have been why Joseph went to Frederick County, settling in Winchester, in the early 1780's. His apparent marriage to Susan Bailey Johnson about 1782, would point to his discharge or departure from military service in 1781, after

³³⁸ See VU, p. 396. The belief that Richard was the founder of this family rests on two letters, George Clark to Ernestine Lewis, November 16, 1933, and Donald F. Black to Robert Linn Bland, Parkersburg West Virginia, November 18, 1947. Ernestine Lewis is now Ernestine L. Schwing of Aurora Colorado. A false lead is J. Estelle Stewart King Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administrations Accounts of Frederick County Virginia (1961), p. 10. King's published work showed a Hugh Parrell naming two sons John and Joseph Bland in 1748. On May 28, 1991, enroute to Buffalo New York with my son Tommy, I stopped at the Virginia State Library and read Parrell's actual will, only to find that the two sons named were John and Joseph Parrell. Subsequent to publication of my book in 1982, when information about this family was scant, further information and detail has been supplied by Mrs. Schwing's daughter Sandra Kirk of San Jose California; Marcia F. Benson of Morgantown West Virginia; Neil W. Bland of Lumberport West Virginia; William O. Bland of New Martinsville West Virginia; Margie V. Garey of Takoma Park Maryland; Josephine Bland Holden of Las Cruces New Mexico; Patricia Johnston of Wayne Michigan; Louis H. Martin of Martinez California; Phyllis Michael of Bristol Virginia; Mrs. Bland (Fay) Osborn, Wilmington Delaware; Evelyn Porter, Redding California; Mary Jane Sine of Louisville Kentucky. It is the research of these Cousins who makes consolidation of all this material possible. In 1985 I spoke to Frank Bland of Lawndale California and his sister Vivian Bland Hansen of Las Vegas Nevada, children of Lorenzo Vemette Bland, who wrote a complete book about this family. Both expressed interest in the work, but I never received information from them. Whether this purported book would shed light on the origins of the family remains a mystery.

³³⁹ VU, pp. 396-397. Blanchie Bland to Webster Glenn Bland, October 26, 1927. Both letters are printed in AC 7-1, p. 15. See also the account of Mrs. Bland Osborn, AC 8-1, pp.8-9

the Battle of York Town. Joseph's place of settlement has led me to suggest that he is a son of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788). The principal reason is the above noted dalliance in Winchester of Thomas Bland (1765-1792) and his family.³⁴⁰ Given the close proximity of Lewis County Harrison, Monongalia, Marian and Wetzel counties, and its derivation from Harrison, it is difficult to disbelieve some connection.³⁴¹

Joseph married Susan Bailey, a widow of ___ Johnson, about 1782.³⁴² Until at least 1798, Joseph and Susan lived in Winchester, thence moving to Blackville in what is present day Monongalia West Virginia.³⁴³ Susan Bailey Johnson died in 1798. In 1802, Joseph married Eleanor Benton (Born before 1775 -) who appears in the Monongalia records as

³⁴⁰ VU pp. 373-375. A similar story is told by Neil Bland of Lumberport West Virginia (Neil Bland to Charles L. Bland, May 18, 1991). It has to do with the settlement of Bridgeport, West Virginia by the Johnson family in 1800. Family tradition has it that Mrs. Johnson, a Revolutionary War Widow, and her children, set out from New York State in 1799 headed west. They stayed the winter in Winchester Virginia with a Bland family. The following spring, both families, Bland and Johnson, set out west, separating near the Pennsylvania Border, with the Blands going further west and the Johnsons settling at Bridgeport. Mrs. Bland Osborn of Wilmington Delaware, in concert with George Linn Bland of Weston West Virginia, has attempted without success to prove this connection between her own line, the Osborns of Harrison-Monongalia Counties and the Blands of Lewis County West Virginia, "although they have called themselves 'cousin' for several generations." (Letter to Charles L. Bland, June 26, 1991. Neil Bland came up with an interesting idea. What if Joseph were the natural son of the marriage of Joseph Smith and Jane ___ Smith, and were named in honor of Joseph. After Joseph Smith died, Neil reasons, Thomas Bland would marry Jane ___ Smith and adopt the boy Joseph, who then would take his ste-father's name. Letter, Neil Bland to Charles L. Bland April 5, 2004.

³⁴¹ Urilla Moore Bland, Additional Collections for the Ancient Family of Bland, (1986), pp. 54-55.

³⁴² A Susannah Bailey, in Hopewell, Frederick County, witnessed a marriage between William Adams and Lydia Malin, July 18, 1771. If she is our Susannah, it would place her birth year at about 1750, suggesting a somewhat older age for Joseph. This would also suggest that Susannah was a Quaker. Source: Joint Committee of Hopewell Friends, Hopewell Friends History: 1734-1934, Frederick County Virginia (1975), p. 254.

³⁴³ In a compilation sent to me by Sandra Schwing Kirk and her mother Ernestine Lewis Schwing, January 18, 1989, Joseph appears in the records of Winchester, Frederick County between 1787-1798. He appears in the Monongalia between 1805-1812. Joseph acquired 400 acres on Dunker's Creek, evidently at a place called Kellum's Run or Fork, on May 28, 1805. On May 20, 1809, Joseph recorded ownership of 200 acres at Kellum's Fork and on December 20-21, 1812, recorded 425 acres of land. Along with Eleanor Bland's appearance as head of household in the 1820 census, this gives rise to the opinion that Joseph died between 1812/1820. Marcia Frum Benson, in a letter to Isabel Willetts, January 17, 1986, questioned whether Joseph was in Frederick County Virginia or Maryland. The father of Mrs. Benson's great, great, great grandfather Samuel Samson Frum, (who married Catherine Bland, Joseph Bland's daughter), was from Frederick County Maryland. Mrs. Bland Osborn calls attention to Joseph Bland Sr. and Jr. appearing in a 1776 census for Maryland, and they reappear in the 1790 census as heads of family in Caroline County Maryland. Letter to Charles L. Bland, June 26, 1991. The fact that Joseph Jr. persists into 1810 in Caroline County Maryland, would seem to disprove any identity confusion with Joseph Bland (C1752-1812/20). Just for the record, the LDS records show a Gilbert Bland marrying Mary Ayton, at Frederick County Maryland, June 8, 1778. (M504.181, Input Source 975.287/F1 V26W V.1 0883763).

late as 1830.³⁴⁴ There is a daughter named Eleanor by this latter marriage, who may have married Vincent Glover on April 8, 1841 in Harrison County. Also, a son John was born of this second marriage.³⁴⁵ Eleanor must have been a good step-mother to Joseph's children for we see his children naming their own children such names as Eleanor and Benton Bland. Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson had seven children together. All are listed below, but special attention is given only to their fourth child, Thomas Bland:³⁴⁶

- (1) Mary Bland (August 19, 1783 - October 16, 1856), who married Jonah Baldwin (1773-1850), on March 17, 1803, in Greene County Pennsylvania.
- (2) CATHERINE BLAND (C1785/86 - 1872) who married Samuel Sampson Frum about 1809.
- (3) RICHARD BLAND (April 25, 1787 - July 4, 1876), married Mary Jobes (January 25, 1795 - January 21, 1851). On January 27, 1859, Richard married Sarah Harper.
- (4) THOMAS BLAND (October 13, 1789 - February 22, 1874).³⁴⁷ Thomas Bland (October 13, 1789 - February 22, 1874).³⁴⁸ Thomas was born in Winchester, Frederick County Virginia and died in Greene County Pennsylvania, just across the Virginia/West Virginia border. Thomas was a carpenter and farmer by trade. He served in the War of 1812, between May 7, 1814 and August 13, 1814, under

³⁴⁴ The 1820 Census for Monongalia County 26144, Pt. 14, shows Eleanor Bland, over 45 with seven males and 4 females at home. Sims Index to West Virginia Land Grants Shows Eleanor in Monongalia County with 58 acres of land on a place called Kellums Run. She evidently sold this land on May 22, 1830. (840,576 Grantor's Deeds, Monongalia County West Virginia, Vol 10, p. 508) Isabel Willetts believes this might have marked her departure for Green County Pennsylvania to live with her step-son Thomas Bland. In 1830, Eleanor is listed in Monongalia County as head of a household, aged 50-60, with one male 20-30 (John Bland); One Female 10-15 and 1 female 15-20 (Young Eleanor Bland).

³⁴⁵ John's name appears in the records of George W. Bland (1866-1941). If he was 20-30 years old in 1830, thus born no earlier than 1800, he would have to be the son of Joseph Bland and Eleanor Benton.

³⁴⁶ Mrs. Bland Osborn has suggested that we accept that all children of Joseph and Susan were born at Winchester in Frederick County Virginia. That makes sense since the children were born between 1783-1798, which corresponds to Susan's death and the time she and Joseph lived in Winchester.

³⁴⁷ Thomas' family has previously been discussed in AC 9-2, pp. 16-22. I am grateful for a big file of information provided by Paul Hamrick of Sheffield Ohio, hereafter referred to as Hamrick. This includes cemetery markings for Thomas Bland, who is buried at the Pursley cemetery in Wayne, Greene County Indiana.

³⁴⁸ Isabel Willetts sent me a photo of Thomas' tombstone, which reads "Died Feb. 22, 1874, aged 84 yrs., 4 mo., 9 ds." Thus by extrapolation, Thomas was born October 13, 1789. Thomas is buried at Center Township, Presley Baptist Church Cemetery, south of Waynesburg Pa.

Captain J. Hurvey's Company. He married Elizabeth McCullough (August 10, 1796 - September 1, 1853)³⁴⁹ in 1812. Elizabeth is buried at the Old Tabor Cemetery in Gilmore, Greene County Pennsylvania. Both Thomas and Elizabeth were born in Virginia, and were enumerated in the 1820 census for Monongalia County. Later, Thomas and Elizabeth moved to Wayne, Greene County in the far southwest corner of Pennsylvania, and both died in Greene County.³⁵⁰ They had a family of fourteen children:³⁵¹

(a) Mary Bland (1813-). Mary married George J. "Gova" Wade about 1835.

(b) Susan Bland (July 19, 1816 - February 28, 1905). Susan married John D. Cooper in Mason County Virginia in February 1850. She lived in Leon, Mason County and died there.

(c) Delilah Bland (1817 - 1887) Delilah married John Ralley/Raliegth Sine or Syne or "Sinds" (1810-1895). Delilah is buried at Oak Forest Pennsylvania. Delilah "Sinds" aged 32, is shown in the 1850 census, living with her brother Joseph in Greene County Pennsylvania.³⁵²

d. Amelia Bland (C December 1819 - September 21, 1862) Amelia died in Appanoose County, Iowa. She married John Haney about 1839.³⁵³

e. John L. Bland (September 10, 1822 - February 11, 1861) died in Appanoose County Iowa. John married Louisa Campbell (1836 -) on September 27, 1854.

f. Martha Bland (C1823 -) married Alva Garrison about 1842 and died at Wood County Virginia.

g. Joseph Bland (October 19, 1824 - October 7, 1906). Joseph was born in Green County Pennsylvania and died in Plano, a small town west of Centerville in Appanoose County, Iowa.³⁵⁴ Joseph served in the Iowa Home

³⁴⁹ A precise record of Elizabeth's dates are provided from her tombstone inscription.

³⁵⁰ Thomas and Elizabeth were enumerated in the Monongalia County Census for 1820. On January 29, 1821, the Monongalia Court fined Thomas \$30. Thomas bought land in Greene County Pennsylvania in 1831, and appeared in that county in the 1830 Census. Thus he moved from Monongalia Virginia between 1821-1830.

³⁵¹ See Note 32. John Bland p. 19 H below.

³⁵² John Ralley Sine and Delilah Bland had a son George Hennen Sine (1851-1914) who married Levina Hennen. They were parents of Jettie Bertline Sine (1874-1964) who married John Theodore Hamrick on April 25, 1894. They were parents of Paul Rupert Hamrick who married Evelyn Stein October 20, 1920. They were parents of Donald Austin Hamrick, who married Cora Alberta Beck on June 14, 1947. They were parents of my correspondent Paul Alan Hamrick, who married Barbara Marie Hudson. In November 1968, Hennen's Choice, pp. 7, 156, 208311.

³⁵³ Amelia was the ancestral grandparent of my correspondent Isabel Willetts of Denver Colorado.

³⁵⁴ Much of the information about Joseph was provided by Janie Snawder of Watts Oklahoma in 1983, including a biography of Joseph that appeared in The History of Appanoose and Monroe Counties Iowa (1903). Joseph, as well as at least two of his siblings, Elizabeth Bland (1827-) and Thomas Bland (1828-1893) settled in Appanoose County.

Guards during the Civil War. Joseph lived in Pennsylvania until 1844, when he moved to Ohio and from there to Missouri and back to Pennsylvania,³⁵⁵ where he married Elsie Jane or "Allcey" Church (August 29, 1825 - June 26, 1909), January 21, 1847. Joseph and Elsie moved to Appanoose County Iowa in 1853 and remained there for the rest of their lives. After working as a farmer and owner of a hardware store, Joseph retired to Plano, a small town west of Centerville Iowa, about 1883. Joseph and Elsie had the following children:

1. Louisa M. Bland (C1847 -). This is an hypothesis. Appanoose County Iowa records show a marriage between Louisa and George W. Swinford on November 19, 1864. Given the gap between the marriage of Joseph and Elsie (January 1847) and the birth of Nancy (2 below) in December 1848, I would suggest that Louisa was a first daughter of Joseph and Elsie.

2. Nancy Bland, (December 15, 1848 -) who married Martin Davidson on September 1, 1866 in Appanoose County Iowa. Some records show Nancy born in 1851 but she is shown as aged 2 in the 1850 census.

3. Thomas Benton Bland (1849-1880). Benton died of brain congestion. The 1850 Census shows him in the family of Joseph Bland and Elsie church, aged 1 year. The Appanoose County records show he died of brain congestion at age "13 yrs. 6 mo." I believe the coroner transposed 31 to 13.

4. Elizabeth Bland (C1852 -) who married William Reynolds in Appanoose County July 17, 1870.³⁵⁶

5. Mary Bland, who died young.

- 6 Henry Bland (February 1856- after 1900), who married Maria (June 1861 -). They had four children.

- 7 Sarah Bland. Sarah married Len L. Anderson on June 4, 1882.

8. Minerva Bland (1860-), who married Robert Morlan on October 1, 1882.

- 9 Amelia Bland, who died young.

10. John G. Bland (January 1866-) who married (1st) Fannie E. Best on February 26, 1888 and (2nd) Lucy A. Walker, (June, 1861-) on October 16, 1890. They lived in Appanoose County in 1900 with a family of four children.

³⁵⁵ The Biographical and Genealogical History of Appanoose and Monroe Counties, Iowa, (1903), cf AC 2-1, p. 9.

³⁵⁶ This is an hypothesis, based on the appearance of this marriage in Marriage Records from the Appanoose County Iowa Courthouse. The marriage took place "at J. Bland's".

11 Ada Bland (1870-) married Matthew Larson in Plano Iowa on February 22, 1888.

12 Charles Bland died as an infant.

(h). John L. Bland (C1826 -) who married Louisa Campbell in Appanoose County September 27, 1854.³⁵⁷

(i). Elizabeth Bland, (September 22, 1827 - March 12, 1907) married John Hixenbaugh of West Virginia, October 5, 1851, and had eight children. Elizabeth and John died in Appanoose County Iowa.

(j) Thomas Bland (1828- December 13, 1893). Thomas was born in Greene County Pennsylvania and later moved to Courtland, Republic County Kansas. Thomas Bland married Mary Hennen (November 18, 1835 - December 31, 1908) about 1853. Thomas and Mary lived at Appanoose County Iowa. Children of this marriage:³⁵⁹

1. Sarah Ellen Bland (December 12, 1854 - March 3, 1910). Sarah moved to Ohio in her early childhood, and about 1870 moved to Iowa and in 1883 to Republic County Kansas. She married Robert Whitney or Whiteley, in Republic County Kansas, March 1, 1886.

2. Elizabeth Bland (February 5, 1859 - January 13, 1907) who married Amos Burke of Courtland Kansas, March 11, 1906. Elizabeth died at Fairbury Nebraska, but was buried at Courtland.

3. Harriet Luctecia Bland (June 5, 1860 - May 1931). Harriet married Samuel Gibbons Sheeks (1860-1936) on October 26, 1882 at Centerville in

³⁵⁷ Obituaries of Mary Hennen Bland, indicate that when she died in 1908, she had eight children, four sons and four daughters, six of whom survived her. Dorothy Hennen in Hennen's Choice (1970) p. 67, confirmed four daughters and three sons and listed an eighth child, no name, gender or age.

³⁵⁸ In Davis County, parent of Appanoose County, there resided at the time of the 1900 census, Edward E. Bland (January 1872 -), born in Iowa, who had married Ida J. Stites, (March 1869 -) born in Iowa also, on August 15, 1894. Their children were: (a) Emily G. Bland (December 1894 -); (b) Syntha F. Bland (June 1895 -); (c) Birt Bland (October 1898 -); and (d) Lester L. Bland (October 1899 -). Edward's sister Ruth (C1867 -) married Edward Morrow on November 24, 1889. Edward and Ruth had an older brother William Bland, who had married Margaret Henderson, and were parents of Ella L. Bland (1901 -), who married James Fay Seals (1900-). William, Edward and Ruth Bland were the children of James G. Bland and Emily Perry. Finally, John L. Bland, (C1826 -) married Louisa Campbell, (C1836 -) on September 27, 1854. B.M. Bland, (C1855 -) married Florence Dunn (C1861 -) on November 9, 1881.

This creates the possibility that John L. Bland was a brother of Joseph Bland (1824-1896) and other children of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth McCullough who migrated to Appanoose County. If so, it would mean that Thomas and Elizabeth had fourteen children. John could plausibly be the father of James Bland (C1845 -) and B.M. Bland (C1855 -).

There seems no way to determine the parentage of Edwin Bland (C1883-1930) who died at Numa Iowa January 18, 1930, and Catherine Bland, who died at age uncertain May 31, 1890. These two deaths also noted in the Appanoose County Courthouse records.

³⁵⁹ Dates to Thomas Bland and Mary Hennen appear in Dorothy Hennen, Hennen's Choice (1970) P. 67.,

Appanoose County, Iowa. Afterward the family moved to Montana, where they are buried.³⁶⁰

4 Allen Bland (C1861 - before 1908). Allen married Mattie Lippert in Union Township, Appanoose County, Iowa, March 2, 1887.

5. William Alexander Bland (August 28, 1862 to January 3, 1933). William moved with his parents to Ohio and later was a farmer in Courtland Kansas. He married Alice McCrossan, April 24, 1890. William and Alice were evidently unable to bear children, but adopted two daughters.

6. George Mack Bland (February 2, 1867 - November 13, 1935). George married but his wife's name or whether there were children is not known. He died at Columbus in Stillwater County, Montana, where he had lived about forty years.

7. John E. Bland, dates uncertain, of Billings Montana, married Mary Anna Harried. Both are buried at Galt California. They had three children.

8. Lucy Bland, who married Edd Marty and lived in California.³⁶¹

(k). Catherine "Kate" Bland (C1830 -) died in Greene County, Pennsylvania. Catherine is shown in the 1850 census as aged 20 and "idiotic".

(l). Cynthia Bland (C1833 -) married John Six Jr. about 1853. She died in Ritchie County Virginia.³⁶²

(m) Sarah Bland (1835 -) married John Shutwell.

(n) Eleanor Bland (C1837 -) married Nathan Thompson Hemley or Henley.

After this heroic life of childbirth Elizabeth McCullough died on September 1, 1853. Thomas married (2nd) about 1854, Sarah Devall (C1815/1827 - October 1904)³⁶³ and by her, had three children:

(o). Francis Bland (June 28, 1855 - February 7, 1858). Francis is buried at the Old Tabor Cemetery in Gilmore, Greene County Pennsylvania

(p) Hugh C. Bland (1859 - 1923). Hugh married Sarah Clark (1862-1904) and they are buried at the Pursley Cemetery in Greene County,

³⁶⁰ Samuel Sheeks and Harriet L. Bland are the great grandparents of the late Lois Anne Sheeks Rowe Cramer, through their daughter Ollie Belle Sheeks (1889-1959). and Ralph McClelland Sheeks (1912-1984) who carried Ollie Belle Sheeks maiden name..

³⁶¹ A photo of the four daughters of Thomas Bland and Mary Hennen: Elizabeth Bland Burke; Lucy Bland Marty; Sarah Ellen Bland Whitley; Harriet Lutecia Bland Sheeks, courtesy of the late Lois Cramer appears in AC 4-1, p. 23. Hennen's Choice, pp. 141-142.

³⁶² Hennen's Choice, p. 572.

³⁶³ According to Isabel M. Willetts of Denver Colorado, Thomas married Sarah Devall, a widow of John Carrell. The 1880 Census, courtesy of Hamrick, shows Sarah was born in 1827. Miraculously, Sarah had aged only 8 years since the 1860 census, when she was enumerated as 45.

Pennsylvania. Hugh and Sarah are buried at the Pursley cemetery in Center Township, Greene County Pennsylvania. They had four children:

1. Ethel Bland
2. Bertha Bland
3. Ray Bland
4. Edward Bland.

(q). William W. Bland (- 1922)

(5) DAVID BLAND (July 25, 1792 - December 25, 1874). David married Elizabeth Church (February 23, 1793 - after 1870) about 1817.

(6) ELIZABETH BLAND married Peter Tenent.

(7) SARAH BLAND married Alexander Timmats.

THE BLANDS OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY VIRGINIA

On October 2, 1666, Englishman Thomas Bland, who styled himself a citizen and Scrivener, made his will. Poor Thomas died two years later in 1668. Though parsimonious with a sister, he left to his wife, Mary, (November 1632- after 1701) who was his sole executrix, all his property on Broad Street in the St. Peter the Poor Parish, London, which houses he said he had purchased from his wife before their marriage. He also left her property in Middlesex County and his leases of warehouses on Broad Street, his shop at the Royal Exchange and two houses, one at Bell Alley and the other at Old Fish Street. Thomas died about December 1667. The will is interesting for several reasons. First, Thomas left a small amount to a sister Anne and her family, and the balance to his wife Mary and "her heirs forever." There is no mention of any children by Thomas Bland and Mary.

As it happened, Thomas' wife Mary was born Mary Bennett. Her life is linked to the Bland name in three ways. First, her marriage to Thomas. Second, she was born at Hart Street, St. Olaves Parish in London, placing her in strikingly close proximity to the family of John Bland (1612-1680, fourth generation) and his wife Sarah Greene. Third, her father Edward Bennett was the uncle of Richard Bennett of Nansemond County Virginia, who was the father of Anna Bennett (1639-1687), who married Theodorick Bland of Westover (1629-1671, fourth generation). Thus, it is clear that, although the way Thomas figures in the larger family is uncertain, he was part of what we have come to call The James River Blands.³⁶⁴

³⁶⁴ Edward Bennett, Mary's father, died before 1660. His wife Mary Bourne, who died about 1660, were married about 1628, and had six children, all baptized at St. Olaves, Hart Street: 1. Elizabeth, (May 31, 1629-, August 27, 1636; Silvester, (October 25, 1630 - after 1663); John, (February 17, 1631/1632- October 3, 1650; Mary; Anne, (March 13, 1633/1634-May 10, 1634); Jasper, (July 3, 1635- April 11, 1690). See discussion of Mary Bennett Day Bland Cropley in VU, pp. 243-248.

On April 8, 1663, a partition of fifteen hundred acres of land was made in Isle of Wight County Virginia, with 750 acres each awarded to Mary (Bennett) Bland and her sister Silvester (Bennett) Hill. Part of the land was awarded to Richard Bennett, and Theodorick Bland (1629-1671), son-in-law to Richard Bennett acted as attorney in the transaction. The land was partitioned June 1 or September 30, 1664, and patented as distinct properties on May 21, 1668.³⁶⁵ The land patent to the deceased Thomas Bland and Mary Bland carried the additional phrase, "& to the heirs of the said Mary," a conditional statement similar to the one in Thomas Bland's will of December 14, 1667. These two similar statements make it unlikely that Mary had any children by Thomas Bland. Rather she very likely married before Thomas Bland, John Day of Fulham, Middlesex, probably soon after her eighteenth birthday. John Day made his will on September 15, 1657, leaving monetary bequests to four children: John, James, Elizabeth and Anne. To his wife, he also left money and all property in Stepney Middlesex, to dispose as she should please. This suggests the source of property that Mary Bennett Day Bland sold to her husband Thomas before their marriage.

On September 12, 1668, some five months after the demise of Thomas Bland, Mary Bennett Day Bland married the widower Luke Cropley. The marriage notice estimates Mary's age as about 36. In his own will of January 9, 1700/1701, James Day, her son, adds a codicil, calling her "ever honored mother, Mrs. Mary Cropley." This would indicate that Mary was still living in 1701, about 68 years of age. How long she lived afterward is unknown.

Except that she had Bennett relations in Virginia, it is unclear why Mary migrated to Virginia. Whatever the cause, she became the first Bland settler in Isle of Wight County Virginia, created as one of the original shires in 1634. The original shire was cut in half in 1749, when Southhampton County was carved from it.

The next appearance of a Bland in Isle of Wight County is James Bland noted as a son of James and Elizabeth Bland Born on July 26, 1738. This is slim information but may suggest the existence of James and Elizabeth Bland, parents of James as the first two generations of Blands in Isle of Wight County.

The younger James may have married about 1756. A third generation would have evolved before the names displayed below began to appear. The details of this third generation may be gleaned only from the appearance of Thomas Bland on September 15, 1778 as witness to the will of John Jordan, suggesting that Thomas would have been born no later than 1757. Thomas appears again on December 2, 1791, married to Mary Wiler, (Variously spelled Waller, Woller and Womball and Womble).³⁶⁶ On October 20,

³⁶⁵ John Bennett Boddie, *Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County Virginia* (1993) pp.276-279, 286-288, 680-681 and 688. Hereafter called Boddie.

³⁶⁶ Blanche Adams Chapman, *Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County Virginia 1647-1800* (1938, reproduced in 1975), p. 244; *Isle of Wight Marriage Register I, 1772-1853*, p. 43, hereafter IWMRI. This entry is a bit puzzling. It is tempting to conflate it with the marriage of Thomas Bland and Sarah Waller on February 19, 1791 in King and Queen County, see AC 9-1, p. 18. The various spellings of Mary's name however, defeat this temptation and, at least for these working purposes, for the nonce, leave it free standing as an event in Isle of Wight County.

1800, a Mary Bland married John Clark on October 20, 1800³⁶⁷ suggesting that Thomas was dead by then. Thomas (C1757-1799) and Mary are surely the parents of some of the following names in the fourth generation, though the dates for example, of Samuel, Number one, make this doubtful and the two Williams (numbers 3 and 4 below) suggest that they are not all not all be siblings, i.e., some are siblings, some may be half-siblings and others are cousins. This suggests that Thomas was, if a child of James Bland (C1738-) not the only child. The following then would be the fourth generations:

- A. SAMUEL BLAND (C1789 - June 3, 1868) Samuel's name is spelled Blann in his wife's Widow's petition and she calls herself Elizabeth Blann. Samuel is called illiterate by the census taker in 1850. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, serving two enlistments June 24, 1813 to July 13, 1813 and August 19, 1814 to October 24, 1814. Samuel was a Private in Captain Joseph Holland's Company of the Virginia Militia. Samuel was first married to Elizabeth Hines. In the 1850 Census he was shown living with Elizabeth Busby (C1815 - November 23, 1894) to whom, he was married on February 21, 1846. Samuel's children by Elizabeth Hines were:³⁶⁸

- (1) Lemuel V. Bland (C1830 -) Lemuel is called illiterate by the census taker. He married Elizabeth _____ and had a child:
- (2) Ella J. Bland (C1860 -) Ella married Lemuel E. Roberts (C1849-) on October 20, 1895.³⁶⁹
 - a. Martha V. Bland (C1846 - living in 1908)
 - b. L.P. Bland (living in 1908) who married _____ Roper.

- B. LEMUEL BLAND (C1795 - C February 17, 1846)³⁷⁰ Lemuel married Elizabeth _____ about 1815. He married Nancy Casey on March 20, 1833.³⁷¹ He remarried February 17, 1846 to Elizabeth Busby, who in the 1850 census was living with Samuel Bland (A above) This would suggest that Samuel and Lemuel were brothers and that when Lemuel died Samuel took in the

³⁶⁷ IWMRI, , page not noted.

³⁶⁸ Most of the vital information about Samuel comes from the Record of his service in the War of 1812 resulting from the petition of Elizabeth Busby Bland, including Samuel's prior marriage to Elizabeth Hines. 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 176, p. 176. There also is a woman named Rose Busby (C1832-) living in the household. (See below, marriage of Lemuel Bland and Elizabeth Busby in 1846. IWMRI, p. 504. In Isle of Wight County Deed Book 75, September 25, 1908, pp. 309, 629, Martha V. Bland, Ella Bland Roberts and L.P. Bland Roper, sold 36 acres to their mother Elizabeth Bland for \$600.

³⁶⁹ IWCMI, p. 74.

³⁷⁰ Lemuel seems to have died by 1850, but in Isle of Wight County Deed Book 39, October 29, 1837, p. 270, "Lamuel" Bland deeds land to Rose W. Busby. In Deed Book 35, November 1 or 7 1843, p. 415, purchases 18 acres from George Hall for \$35.

³⁷¹ IWMRI, pp. 245, 273, 344, 489. Lemuel stood bond for another marriage on March 26, 1830, and again on August 21, 1840.

family and sealed it by marrying Elizabeth four days after Lemuel had married her. The fact that Elizabeth called herself Elizabeth Busby at least four years after her marriages to two Bland men, suggests complexity that eludes the simple court data that we have.³⁷² Children of Lemuel and Nancy were:

(1) Thomas Bland (C1816 – September 21, 1856)³⁷³

C. WILLIAM BLAND (C1796 - by 1848) married Elizabeth A. Woody or Moody on September 25, 1817.³⁷⁴ Their children were:

(1) Julia Bland (C1834 -) Julia was the ward of Alfred Gardner from March 17, 1848 to January 1, 1855. She married William Bridges January 8, 1855.³⁷⁵

D. WILLIAM BLAND (C1802-after 1850) called illiterate in the 1850 census, William married Polly Rose May 15, 1827. On January 21, 1850, William married a woman named Abby Carr (C1803 -).³⁷⁶

E. THOMAS BLAND (C1807 – died before 1860)³⁷⁷ Thomas married Martha Parkinson (c1826 -) On December 19, 1840. In 1850, he was living with a woman named Patsy (a common nickname for Martha) (C1818-living 1850) Their children were:³⁷⁸

(1) Mary Elizabeth Bland (C1841- February 18, 1907) married _____ Cole.

(2) Andrew J. Bland (C1843-)

(3) Cornelius Bland (C1844 -)³⁷⁹

³⁷² IWMRI, p. 397.

³⁷³ Isle of Wight County Deaths: 1853-1876, p. 11, hereafter IWCD. This entry says that Thomas was age 40 and was the child of "Lemuel and Betsy Bland".

³⁷⁴ IWMRI, p. 145; 464.

³⁷⁵ Isle of Wight County Marriages: 1854-1890, p. 3, Hereafter IWCMI. Isle of Wight County Guardian Books, 1851-1857, pp. 503-505.

³⁷⁶ IWMRI, pp. 421, 431, 479, 509. 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 716, p. 163. In Isle of Wight County Deed Book 40, October 13, 1838, P. 63, William makes a gift to Jason Carr.

³⁷⁷ In Isle of Wight County Deed Book 31, April 15, 1836, pp. 505 and 565, Thomas agrees to pay a debt of \$132. to Miles Bracey. In the 1860 Census, Thomas' sons Joseph T. Bland and Benjamin F. Bland, both minors, are living with Martha Parkinson Bland's father Joseph Parkinson.

³⁷⁸ 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 747, p. 165. Thomas was a witness to the marriage of Josiah Beale and Polly Parkinson on January 12, 1850. IWMRI p. 421, 499. In a will probated April 3, 1871, Joseph Parkinson left \$150.00 to his wife Sarah and 1.00 each to Elizabeth Bland Bursey, Joseph and Thomas Bland, Benjamin F. Bland, John R. Bland, Martha L. Bland and James L. Bland Index to Wills, 1850-1892, p. 70.

³⁷⁹ IWCMI, P. 70. Strangely, this Andrew J. Bland (1865 - 1947) born in Richmond Virginia. Andrew married the widow Mary Munford (1873-1912) in Isle of Wight County on September 7, 1893, is an interloper of sorts. He belongs to the family of Caroline County Virginia discussed above, pp. _____. This

- (4) Thomas I. Bland (C1845-)
- (5) Benjamin F. Bland (C1847 -)
- (6) Susannah Bland (C1847-)
- (7) Joseph Thomas Bland (December 23, 1848 – April 3, 1922) Joseph was born in Isle of Wight County Virginia and died at Crewe, Nottaway County Virginia. Joseph married Amanda Reid. Robinett (July 20, 1843 – December 23 or 25, 1916) on February 3, 1872 and they have three sons:³⁸⁰
- (a) William Wesley Bland (C1874 - January 6, 1965) married Nettie Cole.
 - (b) David Nelson Bland (C1877 - January 8, 1968)
 - (c) Andrew Jackson Bland (September 22, 1878 – January 20 or 24, 1973)³⁸¹ was born at Ettrick, Chesterfield County Virginia and died in Irontown, Lawrence County Ohio. He married Marian Virginia Andrews (March 23, 1882 – September 11 or 14, 1962) on October 29, 1902. Their children were:
 - 1. Clarence Reid Bland (- December 8, 1979) died in Huntington West Virginia. He married Eloise Roberts on April 29, 1936 in Ironton Ohio.
 - 2. Thomas Alvin Bland (September 22, 1905 – February 7, 1993)
 - 3. Elmer Lee Bland (August 16, 1914 – October 27, 1999) was born in Crewe, Nottaway County Virginia and died in Mesa, Maricopa Arizona. Elmer married Geraldine Ruth Clark (January 17, 1914 -) on September 18, 1939. Elmer and Geraldine are the parents of my correspondent Linda Lee Bland Swapp.
- (8) John R. Bland (C1849 -)

Andrew Jackson Bland was the son of Cornelius Bland, (1831-1893) of Caroline county. But based on everything we know, he does not belong in the Isle of Wight family group. By 1870, son Joseph T. Bland, aged 24, is head of household, living with a woman named "Mary" (possibly a census taker's transposition for Martha) and a girl named Evilina Phillips, Vernal Gledhill to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, June 15, 2005.

³⁸⁰ The 1870 Census for Chesterfield Virginia includes Mary Robinett age 50 and Amanda Robinettm afe 26 a teacher. Vernal Gledhill to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, June 15, 2005.

³⁸¹ Ancestors of Linda Lee Bland Swapp, hereafter called Swapp, which adds considerable depth to the family of Joseph Thomas Bland (1848-1922).

(9) Martha L. Bland (- February 24, 1905) Martha could have been the recipient of a pearl inlaid gold watch case from Harriet Drummond on October 5, 1891. She married _____ Jordan³⁸²

(10) James L. Bland

F. JULIA BLAND (C1807 -) married Nathaniel Doyle, January 13, 1824.³⁸³

G. JONATHAN BLAND (C1811- after 1842)³⁸⁴ married Elizabeth Jones on July 6, 1832.³⁸⁵ By January 29, 1842, Jonathan had married Phebe Holding.³⁸⁶ By January 15, 1844, Jonathan had married a third wife, Sally Parnell.³⁸⁷

H. MARY BLAND (C1812 -) married Jonathan Fowler, March 25, 1829.³⁸⁸

I. SALLY BLAND (C1817 -) Sally is enumerated in the 1850 census with no adult males and two children.³⁸⁹

(1) John L. Bland (C1845 -)

(2) Polly Bland (C1847-)

Also living in Sally's household is Polly Watson, (C1770-).

J. NANCY BLAND (C1821 -) married William Bridges January 5, 1838.³⁹⁰

K. JOHN BLAND (C1822 - June 6, 1906))³⁹¹ John is called illiterate by the census taker of 1850. John married to Sarah _____ and by her had a child:

(1) Mary Bland (C1847-) married William Nelms (1843-) on December 22, 1870.³⁹²

³⁸² Index to Wills, 1850-1892, October 5, 1891.

³⁸³ IWMRI, p. 475.

³⁸⁴ Deed Book 34, June 13, 1842, p. 417 finds Jonathan engaged in a land transaction with W.P. Young. And he also pays a debt of \$10. to John Tomlin.

³⁸⁵ IWMRI, p. 267.

³⁸⁶ IWMRI, p. 359.

³⁸⁷ IWMRI, p. 379.

³⁸⁸ IWMRI, p. 235, 483

³⁸⁹ 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 548, p. 153.

³⁹⁰ IWMRI, p. 313, 495.

³⁹¹ In Isle of Wight Deed Book 42, April 1, 1869, p. 147, 247-248, John completes a land transaction with S.J. Roberts.

³⁹² IWCMI, p. 20

The chronological suggestion is that Sarah died in childbirth for John subsequently is shown with a wife Cherry Holding (C1824-) whom he married January 6, 1848. They had a child.³⁹³

- (2) Benjamin L. Bland (C1849-) Benjamin married Sarah C. Whitley (C1854-) on January 16, 1872.³⁹⁴ Their children were:³⁹⁵
- (a) Clara Bland (November 3, 1873 -) In Hardy Township. Clara married Daniel J. Izzell (1877-) on March 14, 1897.³⁹⁶
 - (b) Laura Bland (June 20, 1875 -) in Hardy Township. Laura married W.P. Stagg, (1876-) on December 26, 1897.³⁹⁷
 - (c) Unnamed (August 21, 1879 -)
 - (d) Unnamed (January 15, 1881 -)
 - (e) Sarah C. Bland (March 15, 1882 -) Sarah married V.R. Izzell.
 - (f) Annie Bland (dates unknown) married George O'Berry.³⁹⁸

Also living in John's household in 1850 was Virginia Bracey (C1815-). It is worth noting that in his final will, John Bland (1822-1906) excluded his grand daughters Sarah and Annie from any benefit.³⁹⁹

L. ELIZABETH BLAND (C1825-) is living alone in the 1850 Census.⁴⁰⁰

M. NANCY BLAND (C1826-).

N. GEORGIANA BLAND (C1826 -) is living alone in the 1850 census.⁴⁰¹

O. ROBERT BLAND (C1828 - before 1850) married Martha ____ (C1830-) Martha is found in the 1850 census with no adult male in the household but Nancy Bland (C1837-) Since Martha was born in 1830, she could not have been Nancy's mother, suggesting that Nancy may be a younger sibling of Robert. Children of Robert and Martha were:

³⁹³ IWMRI, p. 506. 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 602, p. 156.

³⁹⁴ IWCMI, p. 22.

³⁹⁵ Isle of Wight County Birth Register: 1853-1885, pp. 76,85. Hereafter IWCBR,

³⁹⁶ IWCMI, p. 77.

³⁹⁷ IWCMI, p. 79

³⁹⁸ Will of John Bland Probated June 6, 1906. Isle of Wight County Virginia.

³⁹⁹ Isle of Wight County Will Book 34, p. 123.

⁴⁰⁰ 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 80, page 151.

⁴⁰¹ Census of 1850, Family/Dwelling 949, p. 177.

- (1) Mary Bland (C1843 -) Mary had a child James B.. Bland (September 1860- Living in 1906) but James father is not known. Mary was blown in by a neighbor.⁴⁰² Transactions in 1906-1907 suggest a relationship between Robert Bland (1846-1925) and James, who married a woman named Mary _____.⁴⁰³ James and Mary Bland had a son:

(a) Logan Bland (July 11, 1886 -)⁴⁰⁴

- (2) Robert P. Bland (C1846 – April 6, 1925)⁴⁰⁵ Robert married Cherry Harmon (C1857-) on April 22, 1875.⁴⁰⁶ Land transactions between 1876-1925, make it clear that by the time of his death, Robert had amassed an impressive fortune.⁴⁰⁷ Robert and Cherry had the following children:

- (a) Eunice C. Bland who married _____ Britt.
(b) Charles C. Bland - (C1886-) married Ogie _____.⁴⁰⁸
(c) W.E. Bland (C1888 -) Two transactions in 1910 link W.E. Bland with Robert Bland.⁴⁰⁹ In these transactions, W.E. Bland appears to be the husband of a woman named Essie _____.

⁴⁰² IWCBR, p. 40.

⁴⁰³ Deed Book 72, January 16, 1906, p. 322 and Deed Book 75, December 31, 1907, P. 572. These deeds provide for James and Mary to purchase 82 acres from Robert Bland (see note 41 below), See Isle of Wight County Deed Book 53, January 8, 1889, p. 93, in which James pays James Joyner \$150. to assist in his farming.

⁴⁰⁴ Isle of Wight County Birth Registers, 1886-1893, page not noted.

⁴⁰⁵ Census of 1850, Family/Dwelling 677, p. 161. Isle of Wight County Will Book, 35, p. 115; In Isle of Wight Deed Book 54, December 11, 1889, p. 125, Robert makes a gift to L.E. and Emy Bland.

⁴⁰⁶ IWCMI p. 27

⁴⁰⁷ Isle of Wight Deed Book 43, January 13, 1876, p. 691, finds Robert and Cherry passing 225 acres to Frank Holland in security for Holland's loan of \$550. to Timothy Hayes. Cf Deed Book 44, January 12, 1876, p. 8. and Deed Book 45, March 10, 1881, pp. 638-639. Hayes purchased the land and then returned it to Robert and Cherry, who in turn sold it to William Rose, Deed Book 54, December 5, 1889, pp. 99, 108 and 125. Deed Book 56, March 24, 1892, p. 636, Robert Bland buys a lot of land at auction for \$260.00. In Deed Book 59, December 3, 1894, p. 273, finds Robert and Cherry selling 75 acres of land to Emma Gardener for \$300. Isle of Wight Deed Book 59, April 27, 1895 pp. 474-475, Joseph English sold 82 acres to Robert and Cherry for \$750. Robert and Cherry pass this land to James R. Bland for \$2,000 in Deed Book 73, January 6, 1906, p. 274. On October 31, 1903, Deed Book 68, p. 532, Robert purchases 59.5 acres from T.J. Carr for \$400. Robert sold these acres to a Mr. Copeland on January 11, 1905 for \$450. Deed Book 71, January 11, 1905, p. 328. Deed Book 73, November 18, 1905, p. 200-201, finds Robert purchasing 10 acres from Robert Joyner, for \$800. Deedbook 76, November 20, 1908, p. 362, shows Robert purchasing 75 acres for \$1,450. Deed Book 79, November 18, 1908, pp. 637-638, shows Robert purchasing an unknown quantity of land for \$1,350.

⁴⁰⁸ Isle of Wight Deed Book 74, pp. 561-562 January 1, 1908, finds E. Frank Story purchasing 75 acres from Charles and Ogie, for \$5. In the same deed, Robert Bland posts security for a loan of \$1,570. to Charles, which in Deed Book 75, pp. 397-398, January 11, 1908, is used by Charles and Ogie to purchase 75 acres from Elisha and Sarah Lankford. See Deed Book 79, May 6, 1912, pp. 580-581, wherein Charles and Ogie transmit 60 acres to Robert and Deed Book 82, June 8, 1912, p. 516. .

⁴⁰⁹ Isle of Wight County Deed Book 77, April 20, 1910, p. 529 and Deed Book 78, April 21, 1910, pp. 258,

M.A. Bland (C1875-) married J.D. Spivey (C1862-) on January 19, 1899. The parents of M.A. Bland are shown to be Mary Bland and an unknown father.⁴¹⁰

Roberta Bland (1867 -) was married to Jerry Gorman (1856 -) on April 19, 1899. Roberta's parents were listed as Jim and Nancy Bland.⁴¹¹

James R. Bland In a series of transactions in 1886 and 1887, J.R. Bland and wife Alice receive gifts from a man named Cap Abbit or Abbot.⁴¹² By 1894, J.R. Bland and Alice are shown as residents of Petersburg Virginia, but sell an acre of land in Isle of Wight County to Louisa Johnson.⁴¹³

Ned Bland - (C1863-) Ned married Phillis Johnson on September 22, 1886. The marriage record indicates that Ned was born to Eli and Jane Bland from Amelia County.⁴¹⁴

CAROLINE AND HARDY COUNTIES VIRGINIA: IN SEARCH OF THOMAS BLAND

1. **THOMAS BLAND** On August 1, 1879, the widow Martha Bland, who claimed to be about 50 years old, filed a claim at the Caroline County Virginia Court for a Widow's Pension for the service of Thomas Bland in the War of 1812. There is clear proof that Martha's husband Thomas served as a corporal in Major Reuben Tankersley's 30th Virginia Regiment. Prior to that, he was a private in Captain James Daniel's Company for the Virginia Militia. His enlistment dates are December 28, 1813 to April 11, 1814, with a re-enlistment from July 24 to September 14, 1814. Thomas' military records show that he served on active duty December 3-9, 1814.⁴¹⁵ Thomas earlier testified that he had received eighty acres of bounty land for his service.⁴¹⁶ Martha testified that her maiden name was "Bowler" (proper name is Boulware) she married Thomas in November 11, 1847 at Bowling Green in Caroline County. Thomas died, she said, in Caroline County 1863, at about age 79. By this reckoning, Thomas' dates would have been (1783/1788-

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⁴¹⁰ IWCMI, p. 82, P. 691

⁴¹¹ IWCMI p. 83

⁴¹² Isle of Wight County Deed Book 50, May 8, 1886 and May 9, 1887, pp. 68, 174, 239.

⁴¹³ Isle of Wight County Deed Book 59, August 9, 1894, P.79

⁴¹⁴ IWCMI, p. 53

⁴¹⁵ Service Records of Thomas Bland for Tankersley's 30th Regiment of the Virginia Militia. In a personal statement of March 15, 1855, Thomas declared that Major Tankersley and Captain Daniels were subordinate officers in Colonel Parker's 111th Virginia Regiment. Provided by Bernard Bland.

⁴¹⁶ Soldier's Declaration, Thomas Bland of Caroline County Virginia, March 15, 1855. In an earlier Petition dated September 16, 1854, Thomas complained that his bounty for war service was 40 acres, whereas others in his unit had received 80 acres. Provided by Bernard Bland. In a posting to Roots Web, November 5, 1999, Re Bernard Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-mail, October 6, 2004, I transposed the service of this Thomas Bland with that of Thomas Bland of Chatham County North Carolina, (1789-1862) found in AC Volume 11-1, p. ____ and AC 19/20 pp. _____. In the original posting of War of 1812 Service (AC 7-2, page 30, I clearly delineated between the two men.

1863) and Martha's (C1829/1833-May 16, 1906)⁴¹⁷ Martha received a pension of \$9.00 per month from 1879 until she died in 1906. Children of Thomas Bland and Martha Bowler/Boulware were.⁴¹⁸

A. JOHN BLAND (C1850 -)

B. JOSIAH BLAND (C1858 -)

C. MARY BLAND (C1859-)

So far, this is a clear picture, but then, as IN Winnie the Pooh, things get curiouiser and curiouiser.

2. THOMAS BLAND Two Guardian Bonds were issued by Caroline County Virginia on October 14, 1813 and September 11, 1815 for minor and "orphaned" children of Thomas Bland. The first bond enumerated children of Thomas Bland, who was "deceased." The last was for Josiah Bland only and it stated that he was the son of Thomas Bell, one of the guardians appointed. The other was Mordecai Broaddus, who was the operator of an orphanage. Thomas Bell lived just across the street and could have adopted Josiah, thus calling him his son. Children of Thomas Bland were:⁴¹⁹

A. MARY BLAND

B. JOHN S. BLAND

C. CATHERINE BLAND

⁴¹⁷ War of 1812: Claim of Widow for Service Pension, Martha Bland, August 1, 1879; Service Pension, War of 1812, #37412, August 4, 1879; Transfer Statement - U.S. Pension Agency, November 1, 1887; War of 1812 Widow's Pension, #30766, June 7, 1906. On October 4, 1880 Neighbors Robert Hudgins and Cornelius Broaddus testified to the marriage of Thomas Bland and Martha Bowler. Provided by Bernard Bland. Ollie Clarke, Posting on Genforum, April 14, 2002. Thomas testified in 1851 that he was 63 years of age, which would mean he was born in 1788. Testament of J.B. Lightfoot, November 22, 1851. Testament of J.B. Lightfoot, November 22, 1851. Provided by Bernard Bland. In a letter to Charles Bland, September 16, 2004, Bernard Bland states that in the 1860 Census, Thomas was enumerated at age 77, i.e. born in 1783. A Drop Order Dated June 7, 1906 states that Martha died May 16, 1906. Martha's date of death is also shown in a summary sheet for Thomas military service. Provided by Bernard Bland. Ollie Clarke, posting to Genforum, July 1, 2004. Mr. Clarke claims Martha was 14 when she married Thomas Bland but Martha claimed to be 50 when she made her petition for a Widow's Pension in 1879. The 1860 Census for Caroline County Virginia enumerates her at age 27. Bernard Bland to Charles L. Bland, September 16, 2004.

⁴¹⁸ Ollie Clarke, Genforum Posting, July 1, 2004, ibid.

⁴¹⁹ Query in AC 15-17 (1997-1999), p. _____ by Bernard Bland; also, Bernard Bland, Posting to Genforum, November 1, 1998 and June 9, 1999.

D. JOSIAH BLAND - (C1800 -) Josiah was orphaned in the early 1800s.⁴²⁰ He married Nancy Ann Bell (1793-1856) in Fredericksburg Virginia on February 13, 1821.⁴²¹ Their children were:⁴²²

(1) Cornelius Jackson Bland (July 1, 1831 – April 21, 1893) was born in Fredericksburg Virginia or Caroline County Virginia, and died in Richmond. Cornelius married Sarah Ann Robinson in Fredericksburg Virginia on December 24, 1854. Their children were:⁴²³

(a) Josephine Bland (November 18, 1855 -)

(b) Luther Bland (July 16, 1860 -)

(c) Andrew Jackson Bland (March 29, 1865 - November 22, 1947) was born in Richmond, Henrico County Virginia. He died in Deep Creek, near Portsmouth Virginia. He was a telegrapher, switchman and ticket agent for the Norfolk and Western and Southern Railways. Andrew married twice. His first wife was Mary Catherine Munford (1873-1912) whom he married in Isle of Wight County Virginia on September 7, 1893. By Mary, Andrew Jackson Bland had:⁴²⁴

1. Lillian Bland (August 1, 1894 – November 4, 1894)

2. Ruth C. Bland, (September 11, 1895 – August 4, 1991), married Roy Franklin Griffin.⁴²⁵

⁴²⁰ A Josiah Bland is shown to have been a Private in the War of 1812 in service to Captain William Thomas' Company from the Sixth Regiment of the Virginia Militia, commanded by Colonel Archibald Ritchie, Muster Roll of Captain William Thomas Company of the Six Regiment of Virginia Militia, posted as an attachment to a Roots Webb note by Rae Jean Hay, November 5, 1999. He also was from Essex County, which was a parent county to Caroline. Ruth Bland to Bernard Bland, E-Mail, September 18, 2004. It is possible that this Josiah was not the son of Thomas Bland, Bernard Bland says he found a reference in the Parish records of Middlesex County Va. Which showed that Josiah was the son of Henry and Micah Bland, born July 5, 17 ____ (Remainder of year is abrogated) and Bernard Bland to Ruth Barch, E-Mail, September 19, 2004.

⁴²¹ E-Mail, Bernard Bland to Clarice Starling, May 26, 2005, states that Fredericksburg in Spotsylvania County was where most people of the time from Caroline County went to get married. In his e-mail, August 8, 2004 to Charles L. Bland and others, Bernard Bland finds that Nancy Ann Bell was the daughter of John Bell, who married Mary Sherrard in Frederick County Virginia on January 12, 1792. In an E-mail October 13, 2004, Bernard Bland states that Nancy Bell was a relative of Thomas Bell, who signed a guardian bond for Josiah Bland and called Josiah his son.

⁴²² Bernard Bland, Postings to Genforum, June 9, 1999, September 25, 2002, March 19, 2003. Also, Ga Roy posting at Roots Web, May 26, 2005.

⁴²³ Bernard Bland, Posting to Genforum, November 1, 1998 and June 15, 1999. Bernard Bland states that Cornelius was born in 1831. John W. Kellington Sr., Genforum Posting October 24, 1998, states that Cornelius was born in 1827. The weight of evidence supports Cousin Bernie's conclusion that Cornelius was born July 1, 1831, Bernard Bland to Charles L. Bland, June 16, 2005.

⁴²⁴ Bernard Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-mails, September 22, 2004 and June 22, 2005.

⁴²⁵ Roy and Ruth are grandparents of a correspondent of mine, Sandy East.

3. Lyman E. Bland (March 14, 1898 – June 15, 1964) married eMovis Rawkey.
4. Thelma Louise Bland, (May 22, 1902 – June 17, 1986) married Drewy Brady.

After the death of Mary Catherine Munford, sometime in 1912, losing no time, Andrew Jackson Bland married Anna Budde Parkerson of Norfolk County Virginia. After they were wed, the couple moved to Burkeville Virginia where he worked as a telegraph operator for the Norfolk and Western Railroad at the New Burkeville Railroad Station. Upon his retirement he moved in 1935, Andrew moved his family to Deep Creek Virginia. With Anna Parkerson, he had:

5. Frances Virginia Bland , (September 6, 1913 -) Married _____ Wilkerson.
6. William Jackson Bland (October 12, 1914 – July 17, 1997) William married but his wife's name is unknown.
7. James Bland (C1914/1915 -) died young.
8. Mary Sue Bland (January 23, 1919 -) married to Malcolm Denson.
9. Edna Parkerson Bland (C1920/1921 – died young)
10. Elsie Lee Bland (November 30, 1922 - living in June 2005) married to John Sterling Kellington.⁴²⁶
11. Hazel Mae Bland (January 20, 1925 – January 20, 1993) married George Wright.
12. Robert O'Neil Bland (November 1, 1930 – 1991) married Shirley _____.

(d) Wilbur Frances Bland (September 8, 1869 - 1925) married Lavinia Belle Kerrick (1873-1958). They lived in Richmond Virginia and had a family of seven children. Wilbur Francis Bland is the grandfather of my correspondent Bernard Bland, Springfield Virginia, who over the years I have come to call Cousin Bernie.⁴²⁷ I am pleased to display on the following page, a photograph of Wilbur Francis Bland and his son Bernard Bland Senior, courtesy of Cousin Bernie.

⁴²⁶ John Kellington and Elsie Lee Bland are parents of John W. Kellington, a correspondent of Cousin Bernie, whose contributions are noted *inter alia*.

⁴²⁷ Ibid, Wilbur Frances Bland and Lavinia Belle Kerrick were parents of Bernard Bland Senior, (C1898-1965) father of my correspondent Bernard Bland Jr.

Wilbur Francis Bland (1869-1955) second from right; Bernard L. Bland Senior (1898-1964) is directly in front of Wilbur Francis, Courtesy Bernard L. Bland Jr.



(e) Lyman Bland (April 18, 1872 - 1906) Lyman went to Ohio and died in Hamilton Ohio.⁴²⁸

(f) Loretta or Laura Etta Bland (June 26, 1875 -)

(g) Thaddius Bland (June 20, 1880 -)

So: It seems to me that we have a curious development in which two Thomas Blands living in Caroline County at about the same time, give identical names to their children, suggesting a very close relationship, as yet unknown, but when all is said, two Thomas Blands.

Cousin Bernie, argues strenuously that Thomas Bland who served in the war of 1812 and produced children John S. Bland, Josiah Bland (C1800 -) and Catherine Bland is the same man who married Martha Boulware in 1847. The result in Bernie's

⁴²⁸ Lyman Bland (1872-1906) had a son named Earl W. Bland, who was living in Columbus Ohio in 1957. Bernard Bland, posting to Genforum, June 14, 1999.

formulation is one man, Thomas Bland (1783-1863). Cousin Bernie supports his argument this way (Bernie is quoted or paraphrased. My comments appear in italics):

1. Thomas, who would have been 21 in 1804, could have married a woman prior to Martha Boulware and this woman could have died at about the time of Thomas' enlistment, so the children would be technically "orphaned" according to contemporary Virginia Law, even though one parent was living.⁴²⁹

1. "A Guardian Bond was issued on Josiah Bland on September 11, 1815, assigning guardianship to Thomas Bell and Mordecai Broaddus." *In a second Guardian Bond dated 1815, Thomas Bell, significantly, called Josiah Bland his son.*

An unsigned notation evidently written in present day to explain Mr. Bell's pronouncement, states: "A guardian was appointed for a child who had an estate to guard. The guardian's bond is a legal document which records the grandson's responsibility to protect the child's estate. Most guardian bonds are for children who have lost their father or both parents. A previous guardian bond for John S. Bland, Josiah Bland and Catherine Bland in 1813 established that they were children of a man named Thomas Bland, who was said to be deceased. To me this makes crystal clear that Thomas Bland called Josiah his son, because Josiah's real father was dead. I think it is important to accept the declaration that Thomas was deceased in its literal meaning. Whatever the meaning of two Thomas Blands who named their children Mary John and Josiah, I think this alone is evidence that this early Thomas Bland, deceased by 1813, is not the same man who married Martha Boulware.

2. "Josiah Bland married Nancy Ann Bell in February of 1821 and Nancy Ann is a relative of Thomas Bell." *This would suggest that Thomas Bell held Josiah in close affection from Josiah's childhood and Bernie has gone to great lengths to establish a close relation between the Bell and Bland families.*
3. "... there are statements signed by William W. Broaddus and Cornelius C. Broaddus that they knew the late Thomas Bland of the War of 1812 and his wife Martha Bowler..." *William and Cornelius Broaddus verified the marriage between Thomas and Martha. They were silent about Thomas' war record. It is, however, not in question whether the War of 1812 veteran was the husband of Martha Boulware/Bowler. He was. My argument is that Thomas who died by 1813 and was the father of Bernie Bland's Josiah was a different man than Thomas Bland (1783-1863) man who married Martha Boulware and there is no*

⁴²⁹ Bernard Bland to Charles L. Bland, September 16, 2004. In an E-mail to Charles L. Bland and others, November 1, 2004, Bernard Bland states that the first bond indicated Thomas Bland was deceased. This is verified in the Bond itself, December 14, 1813. The second bond is dated September 11, 1815.

evidence I've seen that the Thomas Bland who left orphaned children in 1813 was a soldier in the War of 1812.

4. "My great grandfather the son of Josiah Bland, was named Cornelius Jackson Bland." *Cousin Bernie seems to imply that Cornelius Jackson Bland was named in honor of Cornelius Broaddus. That could very well be. I believe there were two Thomas Blands in question and that the older one, who died about 1813 was part of the same family and community as the one who lived on to 1863 and married Martha Boulware.*
5. "The Bell and the Broaddus families were very close neighbors in Caroline County and their descendants inter-married on many occasions. In fact Mordecai Broaddus ran an orphanage in Caroline County and lived just across the road from Thomas Bell." *No doubt, and Cornelius and William probably had a close relation to the older Mordecai? Josiah Bland might have been committed to Mordecai Broaddus' orphanage.*
6. "Corporal Thomas Bland was born in 1783 and died in 1863 so it would not be unreasonable to think that he was married to his first wife and that she left him with four children." *Here I differ with Cousin Bernie. What he leaves unsaid is the further assumption he has made: That subsequent to the first wife's death, Tomas married Martha Boulware and had three children, who were given identical names of the four children by his first wife. Although of course, anything is possible, it is highly unlikely that the same man would give identical names to not one but at least three children each by two wives (see below, point B).*

Cousin Bernie's argument demands an enormous complexity, as he notes, "primarily based on too many close circumstantial events that cannot be ignored and which occurred during that time period and in Caroline county Virginia." The following summary is based on simplicity, which requires evaluating the evidentiary documents in their individual contexts:

A. The first guardian bond does not state that Thomas was off in the war, (the bond doesn't actually coincide with Thomas' military service). The bond, dated two weeks before the onset of the military enlistment of Thomas Bland (1783-1863) stated clearly that the father of the four children was deceased.

B. There is some conflict in the estimated birth year of Thomas Bland, whose wife Martha Boulware claimed he was about 79 when he died in 1863. The 1850 census corroborates this estimate, but in a separate testament, Thomas gave his age as 63 in 1851. If he was born in 1788 or any intermediate year between 1783 and 1788 it becomes highly unlikely that he was the father of Josiah, born about

1800. Remember that Josiah's age is projected by the guardian bonds and also the fact that he married in 1821.

C. While not totally non-existent, the practice of giving children within family same names, is extremely rare. In reviewing literally thousands of family groups in the past 25 years, I have encountered it, I think, once in England, in the case of newborn in honor of a recently deceased child.

D. As noted above, there was a Josiah Bland from Essex County who served in the War of 1812. Inasmuch as Josiah Bland, orphaned child of Thomas Bland, was clearly a minor in 1813-1815, so was not the same as the war veteran, it is important that we discover who he was and any possible relation between him and the Caroline County family.⁴³⁰

This summary compels the following conclusion:

1. There was a Thomas Bland who lived in Caroline County. He was dead by 1813 but had been married and left orphaned children, including Josiah Bland (C1800 -) who was conclusively the parent of Cornelius Bland etc. We need to know more about him, his wife and the four children, including Josiah.
2. There was a second Thomas Bland (1783-1863) who at age 64 married Martha Boulware, then aged 14/18. Since it is very unlikely that Thomas waited until he was 64 years old to marry a 14 or 18 year old bride, it is probable that there exists a prior marriage. We need to know who else this Thomas might have married and any children of earlier marriages and also children listed by Martha Boulware. For example, a Thomas Bland married "Patsey" Samuel on October 4, 1815 in Caroline County.⁴³¹ Is this a third Thomas or the same man who later married Martha Boulware? Another possibility: The 1850 Census for Caroline County. In Dwelling 105, includes a widow, Ann P. Bland, (C1792 -) with a girl, Augusta Bland (C1837 -) perhaps the last remaining dependent child in the household, with older children born earlier and gone from the household. A woman born in 1792 would not be an unusual match for a man born in 1783.⁴³²

Recent DNA Tests administered to volunteers from the Bland family have been a revelation (See pp. 30-33) Most significant by far, is the near perfect DNA match of three Cousins: Bernard Bland Jr. who we identified above as "Cousin

⁴³⁰ A list of soldiers who served in Virginia units is listed below, as well as brief biographical statements about several of the soldiers where further information is known. Refer to AC 7-2, pp. 27-31, War of 1812 Veterans.

⁴³¹ Bernard Bland to Charles L. Bland, e-mail, October 6, 2004.

⁴³² AC 8-1, Census of 1850, p. 36.

Bernie"; Richard Erskine Bland, who descends from the Pendleton County Virginia family #9 above p. ____; and John Richard Bland, a brother of Ruth Bland Karch identified above, who has always believed in the closeness of her ancestor Josiah Bland (C1820-1898) to the Blands of Pendleton County.⁴³³ Not only are these three cousins a near perfect match but they are significantly different from other volunteers who descend either from the James River Family #1 or The Northern Virginia family #2.

What this broadly suggests on its face, is that there is a close blood connection between the Bland families in Pendleton and Hardy County with those in Caroline and perhaps King and Queen Counties. Since King and Queen County was formed in 1691 and there are evidences of Blands there in the early 18th century, this may suggest that it was the parent county and that some parts of the King and Queen Family #10, moved out to the Western Counties after the American Revolution. But in terms of traditional evidence, that is a big if.

The DNA results, similarities of names and the fact that within both these families there was a close relation to the Bell family, suggested to Cousins Bernie and Ruth that there might be a close blood relation that perhaps her ancestor, Josiah Bland was a child of one of the siblings of Cousin Bernie's Josiah.

1. **JOSIAH BLAND** (June 28, 1820 – September 8, 1898) was born in Rockingham County Virginia and died in Pike County Ohio. He is buried in Ross County at the Gibson Cemetery.⁴³⁴ Josiah married Margaret Susan Coler (January 15, 1821 – March 5, 1899). Susan was born in Hardy County Virginia and died in Pike County Ohio. She was buried with Josiah Bland at the Gibson Cemetery. They were married on February 17, 1842 in Hardy County. They moved to Ross County Ohio about 1854.⁴³⁵ Margaret was the daughter of David Coler (1798 -) and Sarah Hughes ((1799-1865). The parents of Josiah Bland are presently unknown.⁴³⁶ Josiah and Margaret Susan later moved to Ross

⁴³³ AC 12-1, p. 19

⁴³⁴ Pike County was formed in 1815 from Ross County. A Josiah Bland served as a Private in Captain Thomas A. Curtis' company of the Virginia Artillery, enlisting at Fredericksburg Virginia. He enlisted June 22, 1861 but his unit never saw combat. They were never provided with artillery pieces and refused to fight. Although this Josiah Bland was recorded as age 40, no details about his biography are disclosed in military papers and it is impossible to determine whether this was Josiah Bland, (1820-1898). Ruth Bland to Charles L. Bland, June 20, 2005, argues against this, stating that Josiah was strongly influenced by his father in law who had a strong dislike of slavery and argues that in the Coler Genealogy, there is no notation that Josiah Bland was a soldier. I should point out, on the other side, that the age similarity is striking and in my own research, I have never come across another Josiah Bland in this area at the time. None of the western Virginia families have a Josiah Bland except for Josiah who married Margeret Sue Coler.

⁴³⁵ Hardy County was formed in 1785 from Hampshire County and was one of the fifty counties that were admitted to the Union in 1863 as West Virginia (formerly Kanawha) in protest against Virginia's alliance with the Confederacy.

⁴³⁶ In a letter to Edith Lanning, November 1, 1994, Robert M. Bland of Merritt Island Florida suggested

daughter of David Coler (1798 -) and Sarah Hughes ((1799-1865). The parents of Josiah Bland are presently unknown.⁴³⁶ Josiah and Margaret Susan later moved to Ross County Ohio, where Josiah served as a minister at Alma, in Ross County.⁴³⁷ Children of Josiah Bland and Margaret Susan Coler were:⁴³⁸

- A. GEORGE WASHINGTON BLAND (January 26, 1843 – December 20, 1864) was born in Hardy County Virginia and died at New Orleans Louisiana. His military record showed that he was 5'8", fair complexion, grey eyes and dark hair. He was killed at Madisonville Louisiana while fighting for the Union. He served with the 56th Regiment, Company I, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. George was wounded July 10, 1863.⁴³⁹
- B. HIRAM BLAND (June 30, 1844 – February 25, 1864) Hiram was born in Hardy County Virginia and was killed in battle at Dalton Georgia and was buried in Chattanooga Tennessee. He fought for the 89th Regiment, Company H, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.⁴⁴⁰
- C. MARY ANN BLAND (April 21, 1846 – July 30, 1921). Mary Ann was born in Hardy County Virginia and died at Pike County Ohio. She married James W. Gibson (December 24, 1837 – March 8, 1904) on January 31, 1867 in Ross County. Their children were:
- (1) Ida Belle Gibson (February 18, 1870 - March 18, 1870)
 - (2) Florence Margaret Gibson (December 16, 1871 -) Florence was a teacher.
 - (3) Josiah Thomas Gibson (December 1872 -) Josiah also was a teacher. He married Kathleen Oyer on February 19, 1896. Josiah and Kathleen had a child:

(a) Irene Gibson (November 19, 1896 – December 11, 1931)

⁴³⁶ In a letter to Edith Lanning, November 1, 1994, Robert M. Bland of Merritt Island Florida suggested that Josiah's parents might be John Bland and Catherine Wagner who were married in Ross County Ohio, August 1, 1821. There also is a Ross County marriage record for Mary Bland, who married John Painter, August 27m 1818 in Ross County.

⁴³⁷ AC 12-1, p. 19.

⁴³⁸ Genealogical Table provided by Edith C. Lanning. Letter, Robert M Bland to Edith C. Lanning, November 1, 1994, and Kutschbach Family Tree, provided by Ruth Bland Karch. E-mails, Ruth Bland Karch to Charles L. Bland, August 11 and 12, 2003.

⁴³⁹ Detailed Soldier record for George Washington Bland, and Coler Family History and Genealogy, pp 100-102, provided by Ruth Bland Barch

⁴⁴⁰ Detailed Soldier Record for Hiram Bland and Coler Family History and Genealogy, pp. 100-102, provided by Ruth Bland Barch.

(4) Louisa C. Gibson (October 30, 1874 -) Louisa was a teacher.

(5) Wallace James Gibson, (August 31, 1878 -)

(6) Emma Marie Gibson (April 17, 1883 -)

D. SARAH CATHRINE BLAND (January 23, 1848 - March 12, 1890) Sarah was born in Hardy County Virginia and died in Ross County Ohio. She married Charles Streitenberger (May 2, 1849 - February 1929) on August 30, 1874 at Chillicothe, Ross County Ohio. They are buried at the Gibson Cemetery in Guernsey County Ohio. Their children:

(1) William Henry Streitenberger (December 1, 1875 -) William was a Methodist circuit minister. He married Gustie Delong on January 4, 1896)

(2) David Streitenberger (December 12, 1879 -)

(3) Cora Belle Streitenberger (December 8, 1881 -)

(4) Odessa Streitenberger (February 2, 1885 - March 24, 1890)

(5) John Streitenberger (October 19, 1887 - March 12, 1970)

E. JOHN ADAM BLAND (August 12 1849 - December 1, 1929), John was born in Hardy County Virginia and died in Pike County Ohio. He moved to Marietta and Waverly Ohio where he worked as a blacksmith and Minister of the Gospel. He married Anna Howser (1849-1912) on March 23, 1873 in Pike County Ohio. Their children were:

(1) Albert Bland (May 27, 1874 -) Albert married Jessie Kinney on March 25, 1897.

F. DAVID BLAND (May 12, 1851 - January 19, 1931). David was born in Hardy County Virginia and died in Ross County Ohio. He married (1) Mary S. Klein (C1854 -1891) March 5, 1872 in Ross County Ohio. David and Mary are buried at the Bland Cemetery in Guernsey County Ohio.⁴⁴¹ Second, David married Dora Morris (1865 -) on March 24, 1892, but there were no children with her. Children of David Bland and Mary Klein were:

(1) Mary Martha Ellen Bland (July 25, 1872 - January 15 1892). Mary married Martin Riley about 1891. Their children were

⁴⁴¹ Buried beside David and Mary are Asa Leo Bland (January 14 1912 -) and Margaret Blasnd (May 18, 1910 - January 31, 1972).

- (a) David Riley (May 2, 1892 -)
- (b) Joseph E. Riley (January 30, 1894 -)
- (c) Rosa May Riley (December 18, 1896 -)
- (d) Louretta Riley (December 11, 1898 -)

(2) Joseph Peter Bland (September 9, 1873 -) Joseph married Rose Spangler.

(3) Hamma Bland (March 26, 1877 -) Hamma married Lucy Klontz (C1883-) a daughter of Mary Elizabeth Bland and Franklin H. Klontz of Jamestown Ohio.⁴⁴² Hamma Bland and Lucy Klontz had one child:

- (a) Lauris Glenn Bland (C1907 -)

(4) Lulu Bland (September 22, 1880 - 1960)

(5) Maggie Ann Bland (July 11, 1882 - March 27, 1893)

(6) Minnie Myrtle Bland (March 23, 1885 - August 18, 1888)

Miles Esker Bland (March 3, 1887 - 1971) Miles married Ruth L. George (1895-1961) and both are buried at the Bland Cemetery in Guernsey County Ohio. I am pleased to display a photograph of Miles Esker Bland on the following page courtesy of Ruth Bland Barch, Chillicothe Ohio. Children of Miles Esker Bland and Ruth George were:

- (a) Miles E. (Dick) Bland
- (b) Ellen E. Bland
- (c) Ethel Bland
- (d) Evelyn Bland
- (e) John Bland
- (f) Betty Bland
- (g) Hazel Bland
- (h) Harry Bland
- (i) Derry Bland

(7) Leota Bland (June 18, 1889 -) married _____ Struble.

(8) Harry Bland (October 19, 1891 - September 8, 1892)

⁴⁴² An indication of the strong relationship between the family of Josiah Bland (1820-1898) and the Pendleton County Virginia family is that Mary Elizabeth Bland was the daughter of Miles H. Bland (1826 - 1902) and Mary A. Bible (1828-1907), a son of Eli Bland (1797-1862) of the Pendleton County Virginia Family. Eli was the son of Henry Bland (1770-1853) and a Grandson of Thomas Bland (C1740-1826), founder of the Pendleton County family. Eli married Annie Haigler (1806-1880). AC 12-1, pp. 25-31.

Miles Esker Bland (1887-1971) Courtesy of Ruth Bland Barch



(10) Nora May Bland (March 19, 1893 -)

(11) Alitas Mabel Bland ((February 25, 1895 -)

(12) Bertha C. Bland (May 6, 1897 -)

G. MARGARET SUSAN BLAND (October 24, 1853 – January 16, 1917) Margaret was born in Hardy County Virginia and died in Pickaway County Ohio. She Married John Adam Streitenberger (April 29, 1849 - November 7, 1897) on January 16, 1873. Their children:

(1) Henry Edward Streitenberger (April 2 1874 -) was a teacher

(2) Frank David Streitenberger (January 4, 1876 -)

- (3) Maude Streitenberger (June 2, 1877 -)
 - (4) Flora Streitenberger (September 21, 1879 -)
 - (5) Anna Streitenberger (September 14, 1881 -)
 - (6) Thomas Rayner Streitenberger (January 14, 1884 -)
 - (7) Lena R. Streitenberger (March 14, 1887 – February 11, 1890)
 - (8) John Leonard Streitenberger (October 20, 1891 -)
 - (9) Harold Streitenberger (January 5, 1893 -)
- H. JULIA ANN BLAND (October 12, 1855 – March 3, 1859) She was born and died in Ross County Ohio.
- I. THOMAS THOMPSON BLAND (February 12, 1858 -) Thomas was born in Ross County Ohio. Later, he moved to Chester Oklahoma and perhaps to Arkansas. He married Nancy Jane Howser (March 1, 1868 -) on March 9, 1887. Their children were:
- (1) Gertrude Bland (October 10, 1889 -)
 - (2) John Bland (November 25, 1891 -)
 - (3) Ralph Bland (July 14, 1894 -)
 - (4) Susan Bland (May 30, 1900 -)
- J. REBECCA JANE BLAND (October 16, 1859 - 1940) Rebecca was born in Ross County Ohio and died in Waverly, Pike County Ohio. She married Adam John Streitenberger (March 1854- October 23, 1903) on January 4, 1877 in Ross County Ohio. Rebecca married (2nd) Francis M. Rayburn (April 6, 1846 – February 6, 1915) in Ross County on September 1, 1908. Rebecca and Adam Streitenberger had five children:
- (1) Katie Streitenberger (November 29, 1877 -) Katie married Selby Maloy on January 12 1895. They had one child:
 - (a) Lee Edwin Maloy (December 22, 1898 -)

- (2) Maggie Florence Streitenberger (August 22, 1879 -) Maggie married James Lee on January 8, 1898. Their children were:

- (a) Elva Marie Lee ((July 9, 1899 -)
- (b) Opal Lee
- (c) John Lee

- (3) Edith May Streitenberger (May 21, 1882 -)

- (4) Nora Effie Streitenberger (September 22, 1885 -)

- (5) Myrtle Streitenberger (July 29, 1888 -)

K. MILES RAYNOR BLAND (October 12, 1864 – August 21, 1931) Miles was born in Ross County and died in Waverly, Pike County Ohio. He married Anna Yarrington (September 18, 1863 - May 6, 1944) on May 5, 1887. Anna was born in Pike County Ohio and died in Waverly. Their children were:

- (1) Jay Raynor Bland (June 17, 1888 – April 22, 1954) Jay married Blanch Veal Hatfield (March 28, 1896 – January 23, 1963) on May 6, 1914. Their children were:

- (a) Calton Warren "Tom" Bland (March 2 1915 – June 1, 1966) married Elizabeth Stanhope. They had two children: Patricia Ann Bland and Calton Warren "Tommy" Bland Jr.
- (b) Carlos Jay Bland (August 7, 1918 - November 23, 1945). Carlos married Ester Laverne Vance (December 22, 1919 -). Their daughter was Melissa Jo Bland (1952-1973).
- (c) Dwight Eugene Bland (February 10, 1924 -) Dwight married Clarice Evelyn Burdett (February 8, 1925 -) on April 6, 1945. They had five children: Carmaletta Sue Bland (1947-); Randall Jay Bland (1953-); Rebecca Matilda Bland (1959-) Tina Marie Bland (1960-) Sara Jayne Bland (1962-)
- (d) Robert Miles Boscoe Bland (December 8, 1928 -) Robert married Bernice May Elliott (August 14, 1930 -) on June 11, 1949. Their children were Cathy Lynn Bland (1953 -) and Robin Ray Bland (1959 -).

- (2) Ray Raynor Bland (February 11, 1892 - December 24, 1910)

Virginia Volunteers in The War of 1812 Named Bland (By Regiment) Inasmuch as so much of the above discussion turns on the military service of Thomas Bland (C1783-1863) and possibly in Josiah Bland (C1800 -) I have included military service for all War of 1812 soldiers from Virginia, by their regiment with some identification about family origins for a few of them. One in particular that seems worthy of pursuit are the soldiers from Boyd's Ninth Virginia Regiment. It includes five men who were Blands, including one from Caroline County named Ambrose Bland, suggesting that attainment of the military records for the remainder could be quite useful.

Henkle's Regiment, Unnumbered

John (A) Cpl. (Henkle) Virginia

Thomas (B) Pvt. (Henkle) Virginia

Captain Holland Unnumbered

Samuel (C) Pvt. (Captain Holland), Virginia

1st Regiment

John Pvt. 1st Regiment, (Clark), Virginia

John Pvt. 1st Regiment, (Yancey), Virginia

4th Regiment

John Cpl. 4th Regiment, (Beatty), Virginia

Thomas Pvt. 4th Regiment, (Beatty), Virginia

Fifth Regiment

John (D) Cpl. 5th Regiment, (Hayes) Virginia\

Thomas (E) Pvt. 5th Regiment, (Hayes) Virginia

Sixth Regiment

Josiah Blan (F) Pvt. 6th Regiment, (Ritchie), Virginia

Thomas Pvt. 6th Regiment, (Dickinson, Scott, Coleman),

Eighth Regiment

Jesse Pvt. 8th Regiment, (Walls), Virginia

Samuel Pvt. 8th Regiment, (Mayniens), Virginia

9th Regiment

Ambrose (G) Pvt. 9th Regiment, (Boyd), Virginia

James Pvt. 9th Regiment (Boyd), Virginia

Richard Pvt. 9th Regiment, (Boyd), Virginia

Robert Lt 9th Regiment (Boyd), Virginia

William Pvt. 9th Regiment, (Boyd), Virginia

11th Regiment

Thomas (Blan?) 11th Regiment

Twenty First Regiment

Samuel Pvt. 21st Regiment, (Camp & Jones), Virginia

Thirtieth Regiment

Thomas (H) Cpl. 30th Regiment, (Tankersley), Virginia

Thirty Sixth Regiment

John Sgt. 36th Regiment, (Rennos), Virginia

Sixty Second Regiment

Richard (I) Cpl. 62nd Regiment, (Captain Marks), Virginia

92nd Regiment

Theodorick Pvt. 92nd Regiment, (Chowning), Virginia

Ninety Eighth Regiment

Peter Pvt. 98th Regiment, (Green), Virginia

One Hundred and Eighth Regiment

Alexander Pvt. 108th Regiment, (Shapelin), Virginia

One Hundred and Ninth Regiment

James Pvt. 109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia

John Sgt. 109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia

Richard Pvt. 109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia

Robert Capt. 109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia

Warner Pvt. 109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia

One Hundred and Eleventh Regiment

James Sgt. 111th Regiment, (Parker), Virginia

Thomas Pvt. 111th Regiment, (Parker), Virginia

One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment

John Sgt. 115th Regiment, (Howard), Virginia

(A) **John Bland**, (January 15, 1791-November 25, 1864), a member of the Pendleton County Virginia family, (Family Nine), a son of Henry Bland (1770-1853)(AC 12-1, pp. 19ff) served in Captain Jessie Henkle's Company, Virginia Militia, July 21, to December

10, 1814. His wife at the time of his death was Mary _____ Pancoast, (C1806 – April 11, 1897) whom he married February 8, 1855.

(B) **Thomas Bland** (December 1794 – October 6, 1855) a brother to John Bland (A) is of the Pendleton County Virginia family (family nine), a son of Henry Bland (1770-1853), (AC 12-1, p. 25) Thomas served as a private in Captain Jesse Hinkle's Company, Virginia Militia, July 21 to October 19, 1814. Thomas married Martha or Patsy Cunningham, (1799-1893), on October 1, 1820 in Pendleton County Virginia. By 1850, Thomas and Martha, (she cutting a spry figure at age 32 having shaved off 20 years of life for the census taker's benefit), were living in Seneca County Ohio.

(C) **Samuel Blann** (C1889 - June 3, 1868) Samuel is identified in the discussion of Blands of Isle of Wight County Virginia, see pp. 171-172.

(D) **John Bland** (C1779 – February 24, 1850), a member of the James River Blands (Family 1-4) The petition was for service as a corporal in Captain Walter G. Hayes Company, 20th U.S. Infantry, September 30, 1814 to April 21, 1815. The Petition was rejected. John's widow in 1871 was Mary Bass. Perkinson, (C1794 -) whom he married September 18, 1814.

(E) **Thomas Bland** (October 13, 1789 - February 22, 1874) Thomas was born in Winchester, Frederick County Virginia and died in Green County Pennsylvania. He belongs to Family Four, which was centered in Winchester, Frederick County Virginia. He served in the War of 1812, May 7 to August 12, 1814, in Captain J. Hurvey's Company. Thomas married first, Elizabeth McCullough (1796-1853) and second Sarah _____ Carrel Duvall (- October 1904) about 1854. (AC 9-2, pp. 16-22 and this volume, pp. 159-169.

(F) **Josiah Blan** See 177-185

(G) **Ambrose Bland** (C1800©after 1871) The petition was for three stints, August 6 to September 26, 1814 in Captain William Hutchison's Virginia Militia; December 2-8, 1814, in Captain H. Hutchinson's Virginia Militia and December 10-19, 1814 in Captain R.W. Garnett's Virginia Militia. He served each time as a private. Two of these stints were as substitutes for Richard Luskin and Richard Marshall. Ambrose is enumerated in the 1850 Census of Caroline County, aged 50. His vocation was carpenter. He was still living in 1871 at Hanover Junction, Hanover County Virginia. In the 1850 Census, he was married to Sarah, (1800 -) and had two children (1) Jane E. Bland, (C1830-) and (2) John F. Bland, (C1833 -) Ambrose made the petition on his own. Ambrose was from Caroline County, suggesting some close relation to the one or two Thomas Blands See pp. 177-185

(H) **Thomas Bland** (C1783 – 1863) Thomas is discussed in pp. 177-185, Passim

(I) **Richard Bland** (December 21, 1793 – June 29, 1864), was a member of the James River Blands (Family 1-4) , (AC 5-1, p. 13). Richard was in Prince George County in 1850. He served three tours of duty between January 28 and September 17, 1813, as a Corporal in Captain Edward Mark's Company, Virginia Militia. Richard married twice, to Adeline Manton (- 1828) and Martha Elizabeth Ledbetter (- January 25, 1886 - the service record says 1889), whom he married August 13, 1829 in Prince George County.

THE BALLARD DESCENDANTS OF ELIZABETH BLAND OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY VIRGINIA

1. **ELIZABETH BLAND** ⁴⁴³ (C1697 – after 1751) The oldest member of this connection seems to be Elizabeth Bland who was born in York County Virginia and later lived in Spotsylvania County Virginia (formed in 1720 from Essex, King and Queen and King William Counties). Elizabeth married John Ballard (C1693-1745) about 1714. . They had four sons, including:

- A. William Ballard
- B. Robert Ballard
- C. **Thomas Ballard** (C1716-1781) died in Albemarle County.
- D. **John Ballard Jr.** (September 8, 1715 – April 29, 1794) John was born in Bedford County Virginia, formed in 1753 from Albemarle and Lunenburg Counties.
- E. **Catherine Ballard**
- F. **Elizabeth Ballard**
- G. **Anne Ballard**

Elizabeth's husband John Ballard was the brother of:

2. **BLAND BALLARD** (C1700 – January 3, 1792) ⁴⁴⁴ was born in Essex or Orange County, Virginia, formed from Spotsylvania in 1734. He died in Spotsylvania County. Bland Ballard married (1st) Mary Deering (C1710 – between October 18, 1753 and July 27, 1758). Bland then married (2nd) Elizabeth _____ about July 27, 1758. Bland Ballard was perhaps the brother of John Ballard noted above and the son of William Ballard, (1670-1750). Who married Philadelphia Lee or Ludwell. William was the son of Thomas Ballard (C1630-1689) and Ann Thomas. Children of Bland Ballard and Mary Deering all born in Spotsylvania County are: ⁴⁴⁵

⁴⁴³ AC 3-2, p. 51. Judy Pons to Charles L. Bland, undated; Susan Curlee to Charles L. Bland, June 24, 1994. Susan Curlee disputes the date of death of post 1751. "It is believed that Elizabeth died before 1727."

⁴⁴⁴ AC 8-1, pp. 28-29. Lynn D. Miller, Compo. **Bland Ballard Family** (2001) pp. 2-18.

⁴⁴⁵ In His will, February 28, 1791, and probated January 3, 1792, Bland Ballard deeded: "one negro wench

- A. THOMAS BALLARD (C1725-1791), died at Fredericksburg.
- B. ELIZABETH "BETSY" BALLARD (C1731 -) married Seuner Tennant.
- C. MARY BALLARD
- D. DELPHIA BALLARD
- E. BENJAMIN BALLARD (C1734-1814) ⁴⁴⁶ died at Fredericksburg. He married (1st) Hannah Jones (C1730 – after 1774) and (2nd) Elizabeth Stewart. Benjamin had ten children with Hannah Jones and no children with Elizabeth Stewart.
- F. JOHN BALLARD (C1734 – July 1823) died in Madison County Virginia or in Kentucky. John married Mary Ann Proctor in Spotsylvania County in 1755. They had six children.
- G. BLAND BALLARD (C1735 - March 31, 1788), was killed by Indians at Shelby County Kentucky. Bland married (1st) Elizabeth Williams (C1740-1776) about 1758 in Spotsylvania County. Elizabeth's death may have prompted Bland Ballard to move his children to Shelby County, Kentucky. This was not an propitious move it seems, for on March 31, 1788, at Fort Tyler, a Delaware Indian raiding party killed Bland Ballard, his new wife, two of his sons and a baby daughter. Bland Ballard had four children with Elizabeth Williams, including:

named Sal and her future increase" to Thomas Ballard, "One negro wench named Gin and her future increase" to John Ballard; "one negro wench named Grace, with her future increase" to Benjamin Ballard; "one negro girl named Frank and her future increase" to Ann Ballard Haydon; A negro child named Keziah was to be sold.

⁴⁴⁶ Benjamin's Will was made December 7, 1813 and probated February 14, 1814 in Spotsylvania County.

1. Captain Bland William Ballard,⁴⁴⁷ (October 16, 1759/1761 – September 5, 1853) was born at Fredericksburg in Spotsylvania County Virginia. He died at Tyler's Station in Shelby County and is buried in Frankfort Kentucky. I have never seen the portrait of Bland Ballard which, according to Miller, "make him look intimidating and stern." Ballard County Kentucky, formed in 1842 from Hickman and McCracken Counties, on the far western side of the state, was named for Bland William Ballard. Bland William Ballard killed six of the 15 man raiding party in the massacre of 1788 and developed a taste for killing Indians, a skill honed no doubt by revenge for what happened to his family on March 31, 1788. Over time he gained a reputation as a skilled Indian fighter. Bland enlisted for revolutionary service in Captain Ben Robert's Company of Major Slaughter's Battalion. He was sent to work as an aid to George Rogers Clark in 1781-1782 and served as a Major in 1794 at the Battle of the Fallen Timbers. He fought in the War of 1812 as a Captain in Colonel John Allen's Regiment under General William Henry Harrison. He saw action at Tippecanoe and the Rasin River. Bland Ballard married (1st) Elizabeth Williamson at Tyler's Station, near Shelbyville Kentucky in 1782 or 1783. Elizabeth, who must have been born about 1765, died January 12, 1827. Bland Ballard married (2nd) Diana Matthews on September 9, 1833. Diane died on August 17, 1835, though there is nothing to suggest that Bland mistook her for an Indian. Bland married (3rd) Elizabeth Weaver on October 28, 1841. Bland William Ballard and Elizabeth Williamson had eight children.

H. NANCY ANN BALLARD (C1740 – after 1782) died in Gallatin County Kentucky. She married Thomas Haydon (C1740-January 27, 1820).

I. PHILLIP BALLARD (C1740 -)

⁴⁴⁷ AC 4-2, pp. 41-42, Kerr, Ed. History of Kentucky (1922) Vol 5, p. 621. Kerr's rendering of the raid that killed Bland Ballard's mother and siblings sounds very similar to the Kinchloe Raid of 1781-1782, with one sister surviving after being scalped and left for dead. There is some confusion about what happened and when. Lynne Miller's compilation indicated that on March 31, 1788, the elder Bland Ballard, his wife Miss Tyler, children Benjamin, John and an infant Elizabeth died at the hand of the Indians and that a 19 year old brother Benjamin and Bland Ballard's step-mother died the same date. A half-sister Thersia was left for dead, but was found by Bland Ballard after the raid and he nursed her back to health. Also, Miller sites without elaboration 1776 as the date of Elizabeth William's demise but other sources suggest she was killed in an Indian raid in 1780. The earlier date has some weight for the elder Bland Ballard married "Miss Tyler" (C1745 – March 31, 1788). This suggests more concretely that Bland Ballard's mother died in 1776 but his father, two brother, his step-mother and half-sister were killed on March 31, 1788, quite enough to harden the younger Bland Ballard into an "Indian fighter." Miller, pp. 15-17, contains a longer essay about the Indian raid.

JOHN BLAND OF KENT COUNTY MARYLAND AND PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA

We have just the barest beginnings of knowledge about this family, which seems to be unrelated to the Northern Neck Blands, see family #22, page 29 and page 50. The genetic information in tells us the lines are not similar even though there is close geographic proximity. John Bland (C1792-1853/60) married Mary Angeline ____ about 1816. They had the following children:

1. Hiram Bland (C1844/1847 -)
2. Ann Bland (C1849 -)
3. Charles T. Bland (1851 -)
4. Isaac Bland (C1853 -)

That's it. Thanks to Wilbur Preston Bland, a descendant who completed the DNA procedure before his untimely death last year, we have the chance to begin this quest with the foreknowledge of genetic information to guide us. To be continued.

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILIES

RICHARD PERCIVAL BLAND

Thanks to new information from Ray Bland of the Woodlands Texas and Marshall Vitullo, we have been able to expand this family significantly. This family originated in Granville County South Carolina AND was headed by Richard Percival Bland (C1700-1737) who probably was an emigrant from England.⁴⁴⁸ Later generations of the family migrated to Rapides and Caddo Parishes Louisiana, Savannah Georgia, Charlotte North Carolina, and Milam County Texas.

1. **RICHARD PERCIVAL BLAND** (C1680 – June 15, 1737)⁴⁴⁹ of London and Barbadoes, was born in England. On June 4, 1735, Richard purchased 604 acres on Chuley Finna Creek, modern day Tullifinny River, in Granville County South Carolina. Richard married Elizabeth Givin in Barbadoes April 13, 1722. After Richard's death, Elizabeth

⁴⁴⁸ Marshall Vitullo provides information about Charles Theodore Bland (C1819-1907) (1A3i) below, from James b. Sill, Historical Sketches – Diocese of Western North Carolina (1955) states that Charles' "father's father /came/ from England with George Oglethorpe in founding the Georgia Colony." There is no source given for this information. Per E-Mails from Ray Bland, July 5 and 9, 2005, Records in Barbadoes show a birth on July 16, 1655 for Ann Bland, Daughter of John Bland and Phoebe, his wife. It appears that Phoebe remarried to Thomas Chapton August 14, 1657. This leaves two couples, Matthew Bland who married Margaret Jones on December 22, 1672 and John Bland who married Millisant Sanders June 17, 1677. Other information reveals a birth of Betty, a negro child, who belongs to Richard Bland in 1729.

⁴⁴⁹ E-Mail, Ray Bland to Charles L. Bland, July 9, 2005, shows a record in Barbadoes for Richard Bland, age 35 unmarried.

remarried quickly to Richard Rickets on September 26, 1737. During her marriage to Richard Percival Bland they had four children 1728-1733.⁴⁵⁰

A. RICHARD BLAND (December 29, 1727/1728 – October 26, 1775)⁴⁵¹ Richard died at Hilton Head Island South Carolina. He married (1st) Mary Hogg (March 31, 1741 – April 10, 1762) in 1758. Richard married (2nd) Elizabeth Fendin (October 28, 1754 – May 26, 1812) on March 6 1769. Both Richard and Elizabeth died at Hilton head South Carolina. Elizabeth remarried to (2nd) Charles Davant (- 1781) on November 21, 1776 and (3rd) Christopher P. Rankin (1756 – 1798). The children of Richard Bland and Elizabeth Fendin were:

(1) John Bland (July 17, 1759 – February 28, 1781)

By Elizabeth Fendin, Richard had the following:

(2) Elizabeth Bland (February 25, 1771 -)

(3) Richard Bland (July 26, 1773 – March 10, 1836) who married (1st) Claudia Harriet Capers (1776 – October 19, 1795) in St. Helena South Carolina. There were no children. Richard married (2nd) Susan Mary Ann Sealy Cook (November 18, 1780 – October 13, 1830) on January 17, 1797. Richard and his wives died in Augusta Georgia. Children were:⁴⁵²

- (a) Harriet Elizabeth Bland (C1798-1831) Harriet married Thomas Green Cheney (C1790 – after 1850) in 1818. died in Cheneyville, Rapides Parish Louisiana.
- (b) Harriet Phillis Bland (C1799 -) married James Pope.
- (c) Susan Bland (C1801 - 1824)
- (d) Claudia Ann Bland (C1804 – living in 1860) died in Jacksonville Florida. She married David Villard (- December 13, 1855) in 1850.
- (e) Caroline Rosina Maria Bland (1806-1898) married (1st) Edward Thomas Courtenay (October 23, 1799 - March 14, 1835) on February 12, 1824. Caroline married (2nd) Stephen Hayne Smith in 1842.
- (f) Beulah Isabelle Bland (C1809-1812)
- (g) Isabelle Seraphina Augusta Bland (C1814-1837) Married Andrew Allen.
- (h) Richard Mortimer Bland (C1816-1837)
- (i) Charles Theodore Bland (C1819 – April 25, 1907)⁴⁵³

⁴⁵⁰ VU P. 494. Also, Ray Bland, Descendants of Richard Percival Bland, E-Mail to Charles L. Bland, June 24, 2005. Ray Bland's research is excellent, with sources from Family Bible and Court records.

⁴⁵¹ Richard's will was probated May 10, 1776.

⁴⁵² Claudie, Caroline, Charles Theodore and Demetrius Bland are all tied to their father in a property division of July 22, 1840.

⁴⁵³ Information about Charles Theodore Bland was furnished in a letter to Charles L. Bland from Marshall Lockhart Vitullo of Catonsville Maryland, May 25, 2000. Cousin Marshall descends from Charles's

Charles was born in Beauford South Carolina and later was an Episcopal minister in Lincolnton, Marion, Rutherfordton and Shelby North Carolina from 1855-1862. He is buried in Lincolnton, Lincoln County North Carolina, at St. Luke's Churchyard.⁴⁵⁴ He married (1st) Harriet Aletha Sanford (- 1845) in 1842 in Savannah Georgia. Charles and Harriet had:

1. Mortimer Alberto Bland (C1843 -) born in Beauford South Carolina. Mortimer married (1st) Jane B. Hammond (September 4, 1843 – September 4, 1882) and (2nd) Margaret Clarkson (July 8 – 1867 - 1941) on December 24, 1887 in Eastover South Carolina.

Charles married (2nd) Frances Anna McAden (C1830 - 1864). Frances was born in Charleston South Carolina and is buried at the Eastview Cemetery in Wadesboro North Carolina. Charles and Frances had these children:

2. Jesse Bland (C1856 -) born in Spartanburg South Carolina.
3. Jessie Mary Bland (C1858-1861)
4. Charles Theodore Bland Jr. (C1860 – March 5, 1861)

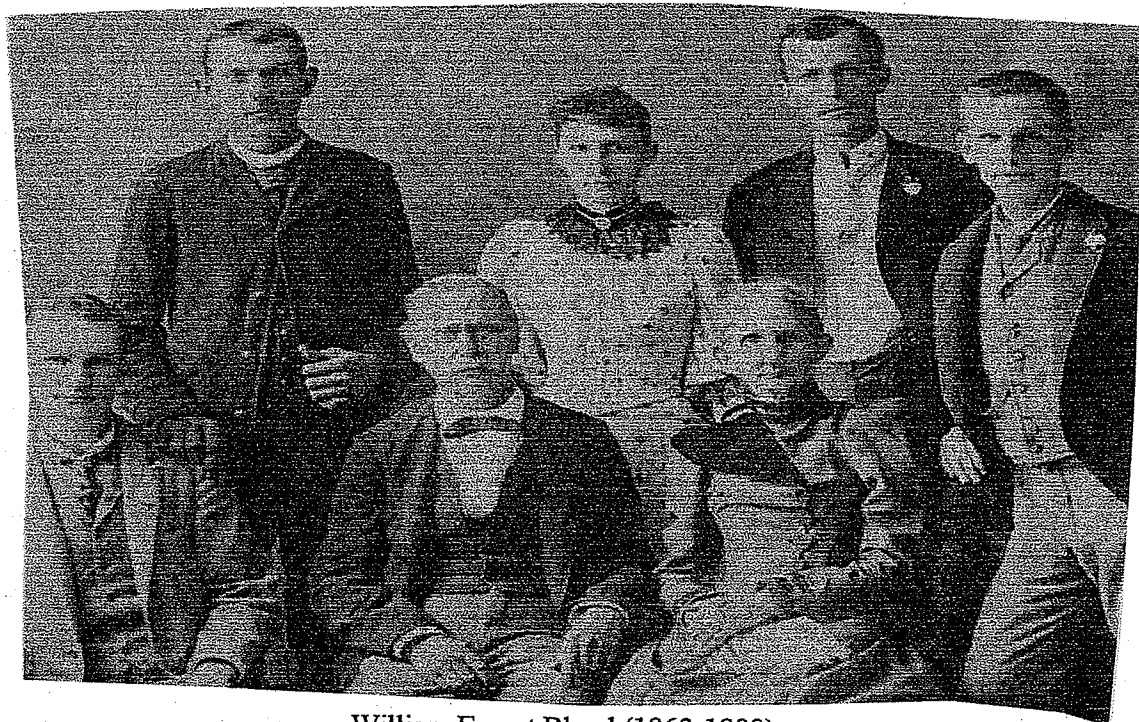
Charles married (3rd) Lillie Edna Caisson (- 1932) in 1875. Charles and Lillie had the following children:

5. Alice Bland
 6. "Daughter" Bland
- (j) Demetrius Augustus Bland (March 14, 1821 – November 29, 1903) Demetrius, born in South Carolina, was a schoolteacher. He married Lucy Elizabeth Glaze (September 15, 1836 – March 25, 1915) in Avoyelles Parish Louisiana, in 1854. By the late 1850s, Demetrius had become a professor at Marksville High School in Louisiana and the editor of a weekly newspaper, Le Pelican. By 1863, Demetrius had moved to Jasper Texas. In the 1880 census of Davilla, Milam County Texas, Demetrius was still a school teacher. I am pleased to display a photograph of Demetrius Bland with Lucy Elizabeth Glaze and their children, as well as a separate photo of their son William E. Bland, courtesy of Ray Bland, Woodlands Texas.

second wife, whom he names McAden, she was previously called Stewart.

⁴⁵⁴ Charles was in Rutherford County North Carolina at the same time as my great great grandfather William Bland (C1792-1868) and his children, VU. Pp 522-544. There is no information linking the two families but it certainly raises an interesting coincidence. The information sent me by Marshall Vitullo notes that Charles organized a congregation for "the colored" in Lincolnton.

Family of Demetrius Bland (1821-1903) and Lucy Elizabeth Glaze (1836-1915). Standing, second from right, is William Ernest Bland (1863-1899), the others are unidentified.



William Ernest Bland (1863-1899)
Both Photos Courtesy of Ray Bland, Woodlands Texas



Demetrius Bland and Lucy Glaze had seven children.⁴⁵⁵

1. Jessie Lena Bland (March 5, 1856 - June 6, 1876)
2. Marian Middleton Bland (November 25, 1858 – May 21, 1876)
3. William Ernest Bland (December 6, 1863 – October 16, 1899) was born in Jasper Texas. William is buried at the Greenwood Cemetery at Shreveport Louisiana. He was educated at Danville, Texas, and taught there between 1881-1885, when he moved to Nagodoches, Texas to become a carpenter. In 1888 he moved to Shreveport as a contractor and builder and in 1894 moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana, (or Georgia). William Ernest Bland married Clara Ann Matthews (February 22, 1866 – July 24, 1941) in Melrose Texas on October 7, 1883. Clara was a Texas girl, born in Melrose and died in San Antonio. One of their children was: Charles Ernest Demetrius Bland (C1895-1966) Charles was born Ernest Demetrius Bland but Charles was added after his uncle Charles died several days after he was born.
4. Rosa May Band (May 1, 1866 – February 3, 1945) was born in Zavallo Texas and died in Forbing, Caddo Louisiana. She married George Madison Snell (June 17, 1852 – December 26, 1937). Both are buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Shreveport Louisiana.
5. Edgar Demetrious Bland (March 6, 1869 – February 25, 1957) married Margaratha Lindholm (May 19, 1874 – March 5, 1939) Both are buried at the Jewella Cemetery in Shreveport Louisiana.
6. Cecil Legare Bland (September 12, 1871 – (September 20, 1950). Cecil, a daughter, married Clifford Madding (1881-1971) in Shreveport Louisiana.
7. Charles Mortimer Bland (January 27, 1874 – November 16, 1895) in Shreveport Louisiana. He is buried at the Greenwood Cemetery.

B. GEORGE BLAND (February 11, 1729 – August 26, 1775) George died in Beaufort South Carolina. George was a shoemaker. George married (1st) Mary Douglas on January 27, 1751/1752 and (2nd) Mary Bowman July 2, 1761. George had no children with Mary Douglas. With Mary Bowman, George Bland had:

- (3) Elizabeth Bland
- (4) William Bland

⁴⁵⁵ E-Mail, Ray Bland to Charles L. Bland, July 15-16, 2003. AC 4-1, pp. 34-35. The late Helen Bourge would have been pleased. She sent me a photo of William Ernest Bland back in 1985 and said she was trying to find out more about him.

C. LANCELOT BLAND (May 1723 - 1777) died at Hilton Head Island South Carolina. In 1765, Lancelot transmitted two tracts of land containing 1,000 acres to Mary Martinangele. Lancelot left his estate to nephews and nieces, suggesting that he did not marry.⁴⁵⁶

D. ELIZABETH BLAND (January 6, 1732/1733 – April 18, 1756) Elizabeth married William Moses on May 3, 1750.

FINALLY

This is a special photograph of dear old Dad, Bruce Steven Bland (1922-1984) youngest son of Thomas Bunyan Bland and Margaret Kirby Bland. Your eyes don't lie, the man was drop-dead handsome. So much so that a fashion photographer stopped him on the street one day, this would have been shortly after World War II and told him if he would pose in the suit you see, it would be his. That's what happened.



Dad
Courtesy Charles L. Bland

⁴⁵⁶ Ray Bland to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail July 5, 2005, cites Christ Church Parish Records in Barbadoes, with birth records for Lancelot and George Bland.

I am very happy also to display this remarkable group photograph of my great grandfather and great grandmother, their children and some grandchildren. My guess is it was made about 1907.



Front Row : L-R : Hestine Bland (1901-1984) sitting on the lap of my great grandfather Berry Elsey Bland (1856-1917); Martha Green Bland (1849-1935); Wilma Lorena Bland (1902-1977 and Thomas Bunyan Bland Jr. on the lap of his mother Margaret Kirby Bland (1883-1958) my grandmother and wife of Thomas Bunyan Bland Sr.

Middle Row: Lula Belle Callahan (1886-1909), wife of Silas Pinkney Bland, holding unknown child; Furman Alonzo Bland (1886-1948); James Coran Bland (1879-1908) and my grandfather Thomas Bunyan Bland (1876-1955).

Rear: Silas Pinkney Bland (1883-1958); Dora Hawkins Bland (1883-1971), wife of Furman Alonzo Bland; Hester Agnes Bland (1884-1981); Eva Bland Childers (1881-1962); John Childers.

Courtesy of Charles L. Bland

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