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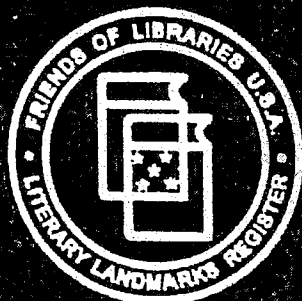
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THE RICHARD BLAND CEMETERY FUND

When I visited the late Reverend Linneous Preston Bland in September 1984, he took me for a tour of the Bland historic sites, including Jordan's point, which was then a thicket of trees, vines and briars. At that time, he indicated that there was a chance that graves of some of the James River family could be located and he hoped to have some of his family obtain permission to clear the area. L.P. Bland's enthusiasm was so contagious, that, following some difficult early efforts on his own, he engaged the interest of Richard Bland College, Petersburg Virginia. Joint efforts by the college and L.P. Bland turned up several tombstones. Mrs. E.K. "Marge" Solenberger, Public Relations Director at Richard Bland College, got behind an effort to clear the area and probe for further graves. Miraculously, by October 26, 1985, a date that commemorated the death of Richard Bland (1710-1776) the revolutionary War Patriot, a dedication ceremony was held at which I gave the keynote address.

Over the years, interest in perpetuating what has come to be called the Colonel Richard Bland and Bland Family Cemetery at Jordan's point has been kept active, by especially the efforts of Bill and Vera Moore of Hopewell Virginia the local Daughters of the American revolution, Richard Bland College, and the Bland Heritage Foundation. Beginning at the National Bland Reunion in 1999 at Lancaster Kentucky, and continuing through 2007, the National Bland Reunion pledged to provide funds to Vera Moore to offset the cost of paying a workman to maintain the cemetery plot, until a perpetual care organization, The Frances Bland Randolph Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with assistance from Richard Bland College, took over the project. A Dedication Ceremony was held on October 23, 2005 at Jordan's Point, sponsored primarily by Friends of Libraries U.S.A., Friends of Richard Bland College and the above named Frances Bland Randolph Chapter of the Daughters of the American Reunion. The Bland Heritage Foundation, now sponsor of the National Bland Reunions, is proud to have been a major part of the collective effort to bring to fruition, this old dream of a restored, protected and cared for grave site at Jordan's point.

I am pleased to display below a photograph of the marker for the historical site and of Dr. Lee Ann Binger, President, Friends of the Richard Bland College Library.



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BLAND CEMETERY

JORDAN'S POINT, PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

THE BURIAL SITE OF
REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT AND PAMPHLETEER

RICHARD BLAND, 1710-1776

who, as political pamphleteer, constitutional historian,
scholar, attorney and public servant
championed public rights and represented Virginia
in the First and Second Continental Congresses
and in all five of Virginia's Revolutionary Conventions
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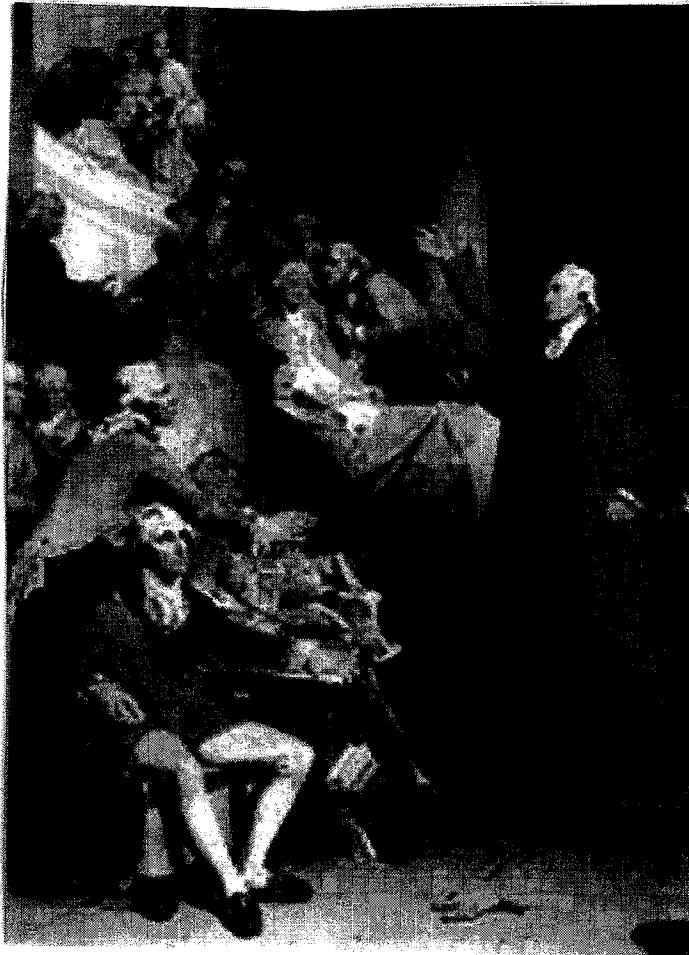
FRIENDS OF RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE LIBRARY OCTOBER 23, 2005
AT RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE OF THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Marker for the Colonel Richard Bland and Bland Family Cemetery
From Dedication for Colonel Richard Bland and Bland Family Cemetery
Jordan's Point Virginia, October 23, 2005

Dr. Lee Ann Binger,
President, Friends of
the Richard Bland
College Library



Notice the likeness of Richard Bland (1710-1776) by Susan Brown Griswold, that is posted to the front of Dr. Binger's lectern, wherein lies an interesting story.¹ Griswold did not make it up from thin air. Her interpretation was rendered from a painting by Peter Frederick Rothermel (1817-1895) done about 1850. The painting depicts Patrick Henry addressing the Virginia House of Burgesses. There is a figure in the painting (see below, the figure sitting in the left foreground as Henry speaks) who has been identified as Richard Bland (1710-1776). It is from this section of the Rothermel painting that Susan Griswold based her likeness. The Rothermel painting was a collective composite based on visual memories of men who had witnessed Patrick Henry's speech. There is, thus, reasonable cause to believe that the Rothermel-Griswold likeness is a visual representation of how Richard Bland (1710-1776) actually looked.



Patrick Henry Before the House of Burgesses, by Peter Rothermel
Source: Wikipedia, on-line.

¹ AC 3-2, pp. 2-4.

HAMILTON CARR BLAND AND HIS SWAN LAKE-IRIS GARDENS

In Volume 5-2 of *Among Cousins*, I paid tribute to Hamilton Carr Bland and his parents based on information I had found during the several years past. Hamilton's father was a Civil War Veteran James Finley Bland (VU, p. 308) and his grandparents Isaac Newton Bland (1803-1875) and Mary Elizabeth Alderman (1808-1847) of Duplin-Sampson County North Carolina, so he is identified with family 25A6A of the Northern Virginia Family.

After the Civil War, James left home, stopping at Mayesville South Carolina because there he found "more fine horses and rigs driven by prosperous looking people met the train at Mayesville than at any other place." James established work for himself cutting cross ties and in 1872, returned to North Carolina to fetch his sweetheart Mary Johnson, hauling her off to far away South Carolina. James Finley Bland became a successful local merchant in Mayesville and Sumter.

Hamilton Carr Bland was born September 20, 1880 and died in 1967. As a child, Hamilton was crippled by a disease and walked with a cane for most of his life. He married Coralie Holly in 1905. Hamilton was a man of varied interests, an inveterate tinkerer with clocks, automobiles, and was an amateur photographer. Hamilton bought the third car in South Carolina, a "locomobile steamer" and made another car from scratch. After 1917, he was established as an automobile dealer in Sumter, selling Hudson-Essexes, Oldsmobiles, Saxons, Kissel Cars, Roamers and the Milburne Electric.

Hamilton Carr Bland is best remembered, however, as the creator of Swan Lake-Bland Gardens and Heath Gardens, which he purchased in 1927 and is now a major feature of Sumter. Hamilton Carr Bland nourished the gardens, stocked them with fish and wildlife, including Black Swans from Australia, and exotic flowers and cared for the gardens for many years. In 1938, when A.T. Heath deeded 70 acres to Sumter, the city fathers commissioned Hamilton Carr Bland to develop the gardens. In 1949, Mr. Bland deeded his property, fifty acres including thirty seven of which were the gardens, to the city of Sumter. Swan Lake, now called Swan Lake-Iris Gardens, now is a repository of flowers and plants, swans, geese and other wildlife and visited by people from all over the world. The influence of the Japanese Iris is striking, and Betsy Humphries remarked that the gardens should be called Swan Lake Japanese-Iris Gardens. When he conceived the gardens back in the 1930's Hamilton Carr Bland kept uppermost in his mind color and what would be most visually pleasing. It is a living tribute to the thoughtful life of Hamilton Carr Bland² I am pleased to display a photograph of Hamilton Carr Bland below:

² Mary Cuttino Snyder, *Swan Lake Gardens and Mr. Bland (1967)* Cassie Nichols, *Historic Sketches of Sumter S.C. II* (1981) pp. 181-185; and Betsy Humphries, "H.C. Bland Collection Donated to Friends of Swan Lake" *The Item*, Sumter South Carolina, May 10, 2003. I am grateful to Jennie Miler of Greenville South Carolina for sending me this material. Cf AC 5-2, p. 7.

Hamilton Carr Bland

Source:

Mary Cuttino Snyder, Swan Lake Gardens and Mr. Bland (1967)**THE NATIONAL BLAND REUNIONS: 2005-2007**

The Twenty First National Bland Reunion, Nashville Tennessee, was held July 15-17, 2005. There was no local sponsor at this reunion and duties were taken over primarily by Linda V. Ludecke and Patricia Bland Marsh, members of the Board of Bland heritage Foundation. This underlines the value of the collective work of the Board, whose members, especially Linda and Pat, have served as stop gaps when local support cannot do the necessary preparation. Special Mention also should go to Terese Bland Bueker, Joyce Bland McCool, Bertha Bland Dunn, the late Ginny Lake, Richard and Dorothy Bland and new board members Charles A. Bland, Lanny Bland, Gary Cauble and Alice Napier. I do not believe the National Reunions could have persisted for these many years without the willingness of these Board members to give their time and effort.

The Twenty Second National Bland Reunion, Springfield Missouri, was held August 4-6, 2006. The Reunion's local sponsor was Penny Athey. We are grateful to Penny for her hard work in preparation for this reunion.

The Twenty Third National Bland Reunion, Charlotte North Carolina was held August 3-5, 2007. Local sponsors were Robert, Becky and Gary Cauble, with advance work and planning by Patricia Marsh and Linda V. Ludecke of the Bland Heritage Foundation Board. We are especially grateful to Windy DeWolfe, a new cousin at her first reunion, for her excellent group photographs. There was, I believe, good presentation of genealogical information at this reunion, such as a seminar conducted by Terese Bueker and myself on DNA.

I confess that I have been remiss these past few years in retaining good photographic evidence of the events at the reunions, but we have been fortunate to have group photographs for each of the three reunions discussed here which are displayed on the following pages.



GROUP PHOTO: 2005 REUNION, NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

Seated in five rows from the back, Left to Right:

Row 5 (Back): James Bland; Tom able; Lanny Bland; Linda Bland Lawson; Tommy able; Gina Able; Charles I. Bland; Brent Bland; Judy Bland; Ray Bland; Laverne Bland

Row 4: David Bland; denise Bland; Carol Able; Linda Ludecke; Pat Marsh; Marci farrar; Angie Able; Ginny Lake.

Row 3: Joan Bland; Bertha Bland Dunn; Richard Parks Bland; Dorothy Bland; Sue Farrar; Margie Bland Able; Tootie McComb; Carlton McComb; Valerie Bland; Robert M. Bland.

Row 2: Vernon Sellars; Dee Bland Sellars; Joyce Bland McCool; Hal Malin; Cathy Malin; Meagan Able; Terese Bland Bueker; Cathy Bland Stringer; Kay Bland.

Row 1 (front): Sandra Bland; Jennifer Bland; Michael Bland.



GROUP PHOTO: 2006 REUNION, SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI

My apologies that some in this photograph are not identifiable:

Row 4 (Back, from Left to Right): Laverne Bland; Lanny Bland; next three not identified; Charles Athey; Charles I. Bland; Charles A. Bland; last two not identified.

Row 3: Joan Bland; Kay Bland; Robert E. Bland; Alta Bland; Ginny Lake; Pat Marsh; next three unidentified; Joyce Bland McCool; Dorothy Bland, Linda Ludecke; Unidentified.

Row 2: David Bland; Sandra Bland; Unidentified; Edith C. Lanning; Daughter of Charles C. bland; Unidentified; Bertha Bland Dunn; Rickard Parks Bland.

Row 1 (Front): Vernon Sellars; Dee Sellars, terese Bland Bueker; Vicky Clackley and children; final three unidentified.



GROUP PHOTO: 2007 REUNION, CHARLOTTE NORTH CAROLINA

Row 4 (From left): Jean Claude Blanchard; Ginny Lake; Charles L. Bland; next two unidentified; Ann Blanchard; unidentified; Stephen Bland; Charles A. Bland.

Row 3: Windy deWolfe; Gary Cauble; Robert Cauble; Joann Shannon; unidentified; Robert Purdy Bland and Mrs. Bland; next three unidentified; Linda V. Ludecke.

Row 2: Unidentified; Allie Bland Napier; Becky Cauble; Merle M. Bland; Bertha Bland Dunn; Dorothy Bland; Patricia Bland Marsh; Richard Parks Bland; Joyce Bland McCool; Final Three unidentified.

Front Row: Child unidentified; Mrs. De Wolfe; Terese Bland Bueker; Na li Bland; Unidentified

Mini-Reunion: A fun, non-genealogical, mini-reunion was held in Buffalo New York, sponsored by Na Li and myself, October 5-8, 2006. Attendance included Na Li and myself, Richard and Dorothy Bland, Bertha Bland Dunn, Linda Ludecke and long time friends of Na and me, Terry and Karen Moore.

This was mainly for relaxation and sight-seeing, the Buffalo waterfront, the beautiful, sometimes breath taking Niagara River, Niagara Falls of course, Letchworth State Park and a good dose of Autumn colors, a Wine Country tour along the western-most of the Finger Lakes, Canandaigua, good eating and good company. A great time, wish we could do it more, but the accelerating cost of travel and food may prohibit in the near future anyway.

Timing, as it turned out, was perfect, no autumns are more splendid than Western new York's, trust me. Its just the season that follows that is the problem. I said goodbye to all the cousins on the Monday morning, October 9. *A few days later all hell broke loose.* Buffalo was inundated with about three feet of unseasonable (yes, even for Buffalo) snow, and an ice storm that denuded most of the Western new York area of trees, and as tree limbs broke and fell, power lines and telephone service was cut off. For the next ten days, Na and I lived in darkness at night, without heat. We spent our days at the university libraries and scrounging for food at whatever restaurant, grocery or convenience store was open. A cup of hot coffee was a rare delight. The National Guard was mobilized to come to Buffalo for emergency clearing and restoration of power. Unbelievable. Had our first Mini-Reunion been held a week later, it would have been in complete darkness and cold, with little to eat, a real bust. Thank God for small favors.

As a memento, we have a photograph, with apologies to Dorothy on the far left, including (L-R and clockwise): Terry and Karen Moore, Linda Ludecke, Bertha Dunn, Charles Bland and Na Li; Richard and Dorothy Bland, taken Saturday night the seventh of October at the Glen Iris Inn at Letchworth State Park.

PHOTOGRAPH OF MINI-REUNION.



TRANSITIONS

MILDRED PIXTON BOWER HUNTER (February 2, 1913 – September 7, 2007).

Everyone who knew and was inspired by Mildred Pixton Bower Hunter will be saddened to know of her death. She was the final half of the whole of one of the greatest genealogical gifts to the Bland family. Her husband Albert Sinclair Hunter (October 21, 1908 – January 22, 1991) was the other half.³ Cousins Al and Millie were an unmatched team of avid genealogists. Both were possessed of a critical intelligence and seemingly unbounded energy, with universal interests in not only Bland family research but genealogy in general. They were among my earliest supporters and teachers when I was still writing Vision of Unity. I first met them by mail in 1981 and our collaboration, beginning that way, continued for a decade, in which they provided a steady stream of information about the Bland family, about Al's family line, he was the Bland (born in Green County Indiana, his grandmother was a Bland who married a Hunter, he was descended through line 25A6A), but also about other lines and about genealogy in general. Al was a big, barrel chested man with a booming voice who loved to talk genealogy. I well remember the summer of 1983 when my family visited Al and Mildred in their home in State College Pennsylvania and Al took me to the Campus of Penn State University. Though he was a full thirty years my senior and could not walk without a prosthetic aid (I don't remember what), he surprised me by bounding up several flights of stairs while I was gasping for breath. Both were good friends, Mildred the gentle adviser and critic, who was always anxious to analyze line by line what I had written, and to provide helpful suggestions. Both were my good friends and a source of spiritual and intellectual strength in our family.

Al met Mildred at the Utah Agricultural College, where both graduated in 1938. Mildred did her graduate studies at Columbia teacher's College in Food Science and obtained her masters degree in 1940. She taught and studied at Utah State, Iowa State and Cornell University, where she was pursuing her doctoral degree when she met and fell in love with Al Hunter. Mildred finished her PhD in Foods and Nutrition from Cornell University and she and Al were married in September 1947. From the time of their marriage, they divided time between their lives in academia and a love of genealogy, spurred by their religion and also, I suspect their shared drive for an active life. Their work took them to California, New York, Oregon, and Utah, Brazil and Argentina and a home base at Pennsylvania State University after 1957.

³ See my tribute to Al Hunter in AC 9-1, pp. 4-5. sources for this essay include "Short Biography of Albert S. and Mildred B. Hunter" by Alice Hunter Walker, December 2007, and Obituary notice, "Mildred Pixton Bowers Hunter 1913-2007" provided by Alice Hunter Walker.

Here's to Al and Millie!!!! St. Peter will have his hands full with them. I loved them both and they will be missed. I am please to display photographs of Al and Mildred early in their marriage and in their later lives.



To Al and Millie With Love



Albert Sinclair Hunter (1908-1991 and
Mildred Pixton Bowers Hunter (1913-2007)
This photo and the one on page 17
Courtesy of Alice Hunter Walker

LEOTA BLAND SWAIM RUDER (February 21, 1912 – October 20, 1903) Leota was an enthusiastic historian of the Bland family and of her branch of the family. She was a faithful presence at the early National Bland reunions and a regular correspondent who provided me with enormous amounts of information about her line. Like Al Hunter, above, she was descended through line 25A6A and from the same historical line, both were descendants of James Bland (C1749-1799). Whereas Al Hunter was an early fruitful source for his family in Green County Indiana, Leota was a source for her family as it migrated from North Carolina out to Indiana and Kansas.

Leota lived her life in Concordia, Cloud County Kansas. She graduated from Concordia Kansas High School in 1931. She worked as a police dispatcher in Concordia. She was a member of the AARP, the Concordia Historical Society, Senior Citizen's Center, Silver Haired Legislature, Genealogy Society and Trinity Methodist Church in Concord. She was a 4-H leader for cooking and sewing. Leota married Arthur Swaim in 1934 and lived with him until his death in 1959. In 1969, Leota married Leslie Ruder.

Leota was a cracker-jack family historian and we know much more about the Bland family's intricate history because of her.

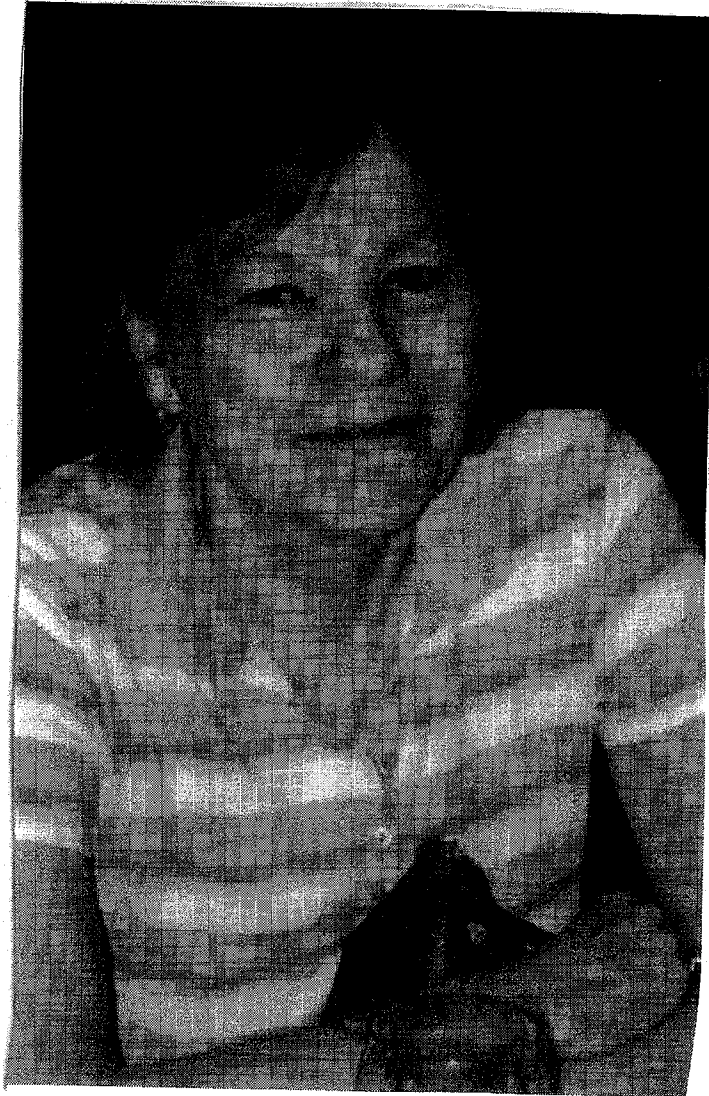
I am pleased to display a photograph of Leota and me taken at the 10th National reunion in Mount Vernon Illinois in 1994 and a beautiful memorial photograph provided by her daughter Betty Hudson. ⁴



Leota and me, 1994; Leota Bland Swaim Ruder (1912-2003)
Courtesy of Betty Hudson

⁴ Sources: Leota Bland Swaim, compiled by Thelma Workman, "My Family, My Memories" (February 21, 2002); Obituary Notices; "In Memory of Leota Ruder" read at Leota's funeral service.

GINNY LAKE An obituary notice for Ginny appeared in The Birmingham Alabama News on October 27, 2007. Ginny began attending the National Bland Reunions several years ago and became a regular presence since then, and joined the Bland Heritage Board. Her Obituary says that she was a hospice Social Worker, and had studied at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee and western Michigan University. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer and traveled in her studies to China, Russia, The Indies, Nigeria and Ireland. My memory of her was that she was a soft-spoken, intelligent, somewhat shy woman, who was always anxious to help, to be of service. We hardly knew you Ginny, and you will be missed.



Ginny Lake
Courtesy Patricia Marsh

DNA: THE NEWEST THING IN GENEALOGY

Since Cousin Terese Bueker first introduced the concept at the Bland Reunion in 2002 the most significant factor in new discoveries about the Bland family has been DNA. In the previous issue of this newsletter, 2005, I discussed the subject at length and provided a graph showing that 27 participants for the DNA procedure had come forward. The table below demonstrates that that number has more than doubled at 58 in the three intervening years. I continue to believe that those who read these pages will see that the tremendous knowledge potential of this breakthrough in our understanding of the Bland family genealogy will be credited Terese Bland Bunker, from The Woodlands, a suburb of Houston, Texas In 2002. Terese learned that Family Tree DNA, one of only two companies working 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.

DNA research has provided a number of valuable historical lessons in this short time. Referring to the graphs below (pages 26-27)

1. Group A The Northern Virginia family descended from James Bland (1661-1709) of Stafford County Virginia, through three of his sons, William, James and John, consisting of 27 participants, compared to eight in 2005. Most of the participants in this group know their historical origins through traditional research:

A. Through William Bland (C1686-1744) 25A

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| (1) 25A6A James Bland of Duplin County North Carolina – | 6 participants. |
| (2) 25A6B Robert Bland of Loudon County Virginia - | 5 participants |
| (3) 25A6C Moses Bland of Randolph County North Carolina | 0 participants |
| (4) 25A6D Thomas Bland of Fauquier County Virginia | 0 participants |
| (5) 25A6E John Bland of Nelson County, Kentucky | 3 participants |

B. Through James Bland (C1687-1756) 25B

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) 25B6A Benjamin Bland (C1724-1771)
Prince William County Virginia | 5 Participants |
| (See discussion in D. Below, re General Bland) | |

C. Through John Bland (C1688-1763) 25C

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) John Bland (C1742-1807), Washington County Kentucky | 2 Participants |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|

D. Proven by DNA to be part of the Northern Virginia Group but without traditional research to assign to A-C.

6 Participants

- (1) General Bland (1825-1904) Gary Leland Bland (case 81519) is proven through historical research to be descended from General Bland (1825-1904), a free black man with origins in ante-bellum Kentucky. Gary is a perfect DNA match with Charles Layman Bland (93119) and Stephen Leroy Bland (100085),

including an identical mutation in Marker 19. Marker 19 is the only variance from perfect identification with Jeffrey Carl Bland (89628) and Robert Eugene Bland (70749). All of the participants except Gary Leland Bland has proven through traditional research that he belongs in line 25B6A, through the Line of Charles Bland (1765-1842) and more precisely through Charles' eldest son Thomas Pope Bland (1791-1845) (see full discussion below pp. 103-112).

(2) The Tennessee Factor Four participants show near identical DNA, though their historical research has thus far not placed them into categories A-C above: Case 38042 Thomas Darrell Bland – Thomas descends from Samuel Jefferson Bland, (1803-1866) of the Blands in Lincoln County Tennessee.

(see full discussion below, pp. 155-167)⁵ Thomas shares identical DNA with Herbert Francis Bland, including a mutation on marker 24.

Case 41928 Herbert Francis Bland - One of the saddest ironies of our DNA quest is that Herbert's father, Francis Herbert Bland (1918-2005), a man who was uniquely devoted to my work and to Bland family history generally, passed away before discovering his origins. Shortly after his death, his son Herbert completed the DNA procedure which showed Francis squarely within the Northern Virginia Family. Before he died, after trial and error, Francis discovered that his family's furthest back ancestors were either John or Charles Bland, who were found in Amherst County Virginia in 1766, 1767 and 1772. Their children and grandchildren migrated to Gibson and Rutherford Counties Tennessee.⁶

Case 76559 Philip Alan Bland - Philip descends from the family of Blands in Blount and Cullman Counties Alabama. Presently, his line traces To Samuel Houston Bland (C1792- after 1850). See full discussion Below, including the argument that there is a strong possibility The Blount-Cullman Alabama family may originate with the Family in Lincoln County Tennessee.⁷

Case 81553 Charles Bernhardt Bland is a perfect DNA match with Thomas Darrell Bland and save for marker 24, is a perfect match with the Herbert Francis Bland and Philip Alan Bland. Charles is descended from are William Bland (C1805-1855) who migrated from North Carolina to Shelby County Tennessee.⁸

3. Other Two participants show a close relation to the Northern Virginia Group But provide no historical research.

2. Group B One of the hoary old myths that still lure Blands is the possibility that we all may trace our roots back to one common source and that in the end we will all prove to have descended from what we call the James River Blands, Group 1-4. One historian even called this idea a vision of unity. That myth was convincingly dispelled by

⁵ AC 21-23 pp 117-123 and below pp.

⁶ AC 21-23, pp. 60-69.

⁷ AC 21-23, pp. 117-123 and pp. below.

⁸ AC 21-23, pp. 69-70

traditional historical evidence during the past 25 years, and the *coup de gras* is found in the graph below, which contains seven “groups” that have more than one DNA participant who scored similar results and a final category containing 17 participants who neither match each other or one of the seven groups and especially do not match Group B. Group B presently consists of one member proven by historical evidence to be a descendant of the James River Bland family.

3. Group C This is a group that consists of four participants who descend from what heretofore were considered discrete family lines from Caroline, Hardy, Isle of Wight and Pendleton County Virginia. If any historical evidence can be identified as a founding name for this family it is James Bland, Isle of Wight County, father of James Bland born in the same county in 1738. (See below, pp. 119-125 for a full discussion)⁹

4. Group D This group consists of two participants whose origins go back to a family in prince William County Virginia, whose DNA is not compatible with those in group A.¹⁰

5. Group E This group consists of four participants who share common DNA (only two variations in four 37 marker procedures) but descend from two lines heretofore classified as separate. This effectively merges the line of Rueben Bland, (1790-) of Wayne-Greene-Pulaski Counties, Kentucky. into a single line headed by Robert Bland (C1734-1795) of Greenbrier/Monroe Counties, West Virginia.

6. Group F This group consists of two participants who have proven origins within the Bland family that migrated from Mecklenburg County, Virginia to Wilson County Tennessee. The founder was Samuel Bland, found in Mecklenburg County Virginia in 1755. He was born about 1700.¹¹

7. Group G This group is represented by two participants with DNA that matches perfectly and who traditional research demonstrate that they belong to the family of Joseph Bland (C1752-1820) of Frederick County Virginia. It has heretofore been held as a possibility that Joseph Bland was a son of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) in Group A-4 above, but these new DNA participants completely shatter this belief and establish Group G as an independent line.

8. Other: There are 17 other participants who descend from lines in which no combination of two or more individuals share a common DNA.

* John Bland (1770-1842) Case 43079, Edward Dewey Blann, descends from this line. His DNA results challenge the prior assumption that I made twenty years ago, that owing to geographic proximity in Cumberland County Kentucky, we could make an assumption that John Bland was the oldest son of Osborne Bland (C1748-1828) and belonged in line 25A6E, the Northern Virginia Family. Based on the DNA evidence, this is clearly not the case, and it calls to mind the lesson learned by Clarice Starling, heroine

⁹ Ac 12-1, pp. 7-54 passim and Ac 21-23, pp. 169-195.

¹⁰ Ac 21-23, p. 198

¹¹ VU, pp. 548-552 and AC 21-23, pp. 80-104.

of the novel Silence of the Lambs, from her FBI boss Jack Crawford: Never assume, because when you assume you make an ass of u and me.

* In 1999 and 2000, I advanced a theory, (I'm embarrassed to say another assumption) that all Blands found in geographically contiguous counties on the North Carolina Eastern Shore: Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Halifax, Martin and Pitt Counties, shared a common ancestor. As it happened five participants, Billy Dan Bland – Case 71885; Alan Wayne Bland – Case 80209; Lee Ander Bland – Case 104277; William Eugene Bland – Case 106065 and a contact name for an anonymous participant- case 103164, all come from families with traditional research that links them to this cluster. In fact, however, all of these participants not only display DNA that is different from each of the others, but is inconsistent with any other participant or group.

Notwithstanding the disappointment of the participant, the results of one procedure may not be definitive. Some of the variant possibilities of DNA include an error in research, a common failure among genealogists, or the possibility that somewhere back in your line there was a “non-paternal” event, which could include adoption, exceedingly common among our ancestors, a child took a mother's name and the mother was named Bland, or a garden variety unfaithful wife. In other words, there is better predictability in replication and numbers.

A graph that summarizes this information follows on the next two pages. The graph has also been posted at the Bland Heritage Website and you are invited to go there at www.blandheritage.org, (click on the Bland DNA section) for an in depth discussion and color coded graphs. The site also contains instructions for joining the Project.

By scanning the list of family lines, below, it is apparent that even though great progress has been made in the past five years, we have just begun to scratch the surface. You can easily see from the discussion above, how important this new technology is to genealogists and speaking for myself and on behalf of Terese Bueker and the Bland Heritage Board, I encourage you to contact Terese Bueker and join in. Criteria:

You or one who volunteers on your behalf, 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 teresebueker@comcast.net or contact me at blandhistory717@hotmail.com. The kit you receive from Family Tree DNA, is easy to use, simpler than putting on a band-aid. 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 67 markers but so-far 37 markers remains the state of the art and costs \$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 you that the supposed match was non-existent. A 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. Its one of the greatest legacies you can leave behind as someone interested in the history of the Bland family.

**The following two pages, 26-27 contain:
Bland DNA Results as of July 19, 2008 – Compared to Bland Modal Haplotypes
Prepared by Terese Bland Bueker**

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UPDATE OF THE KEY TO BLAND FAMILY LINES**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; AC 24-26 pp 35-44.

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

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:

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. AC 24-26 pp. 45-89.

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. AC 24-26, pp. 89-90.

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; AC 21-23, pp. 128-158; AC 24-26 PP 90-103.

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.

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; AC 24-26 pp. 103-119

25B-6B. Arthur Bland (C1725-1763), of Prince William County Virginia, married Mary _____. Arthur'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.

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. AC 24-26 pp. 126-127.

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: DNA evidence has demonstrated that the following families belong in this group, even though precise knowledge through traditional research for where they fit is not now in existence:

1. 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;
2. General Vanransler Bland (1825-1904) of Cass County Michigan. AC 18, pp. 20-23; AC 24-26 pp. 107-113
3. John Bland (C1770-1814) of Lincoln County Tennessee. AC 24-26, pp. 155-167.
4. Samuel Bland, (C1792- living in 1850), Blount County Alabama, AC 4-1, p. 29-30; 5-1, pp. 49-50, AC 21-23, pp. 117-124.
5. 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.
6. 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.

Other Extensively Developed Bland Family Lines:

3. George Bland (C1734-1797) of Pitt County North Carolina, AC 15-17, pp. 98-114; AC 18, pp. 101-122.
4. James Bland (C1717 -) of Isle of Wight County Virginia, AC 21-23, pp. 169-177 AC 24-26 pp. 21-27 DNA evidence merges: 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; 31. Josiah Bland (1820-1898) of Hardy County Virginia AC 21-23, pp. 185-191; and Thomas Bland (1783/1788 - 1863) of Caroline County Virginia. AC 21-23, pp. 177-185. AC 24-26 pp. 119-125.

5. John Bland (C1770-1842) of Cumberland County Kentucky. AC, 6-2, pp. 13-14 and 20-22; AC 13, pp. 43-44; AC 15-17, pp. 51-53.
6. 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.
7. Robert Bland (C1734-1795) of Greenbrier/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. The family of Rueben Bland, (1790-) of Wayne-Greene-Pulaski Counties, Kentucky, has been shown by DNA evidence to be part of this family line. 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; AC 24-26, pp. 125-143
8. 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;
9. 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.
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; AC 124-126, pp. 143-146.

Bland Families Noted But Without Extensive Developmental Lines

11. Allen Bland, (C1819-1872) Champaign Illinois. AC: 1-2, p. 25; AC 24-26, pp. 147-151.
12. Arthur Bland (C1777-1821) Davidson County Tennessee, AC 24-26, pp. 181-183.
13. Arthur Bland, (C1794-1850) Guilford County North Carolina and McNairy County Tennessee. 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; AC 24-26, pp. 184-190
14. Charles B. Bland (C1819-) of Mississippi. AC 8-2, pp. 42-43.
15. 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
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. Isaac Bland, (C1813-1853) of Louisiana. AC 5-2, p. 35.
18. James Bland (C1668-1728) of Ireland: AC 2-2, p. 40; and AC 24-26, pp. 152-155.
19. James Bland (C1793-1871) of Henry County Tennessee. AC 6-2, pp. 36-37; 7-1, pp. 30-31. AC 21-23, pp. 124-125.
20. Jane Bland Forrester of Stokes County N.C. AC, 3-1, p. 41.
21. John Bland (C1776-) Marshall County Tennessee AC 21-23, pp. 114-117; AC 24-26 pp. 167-171.
22. John Bland (1791-1878) of Toronto Gore Canada. AC 1-2, p. 26 and 2-1, pp. 24-25
23. John Bland (C1792-1853) of Prince William County Virginia AC 21-23, p. 198.
24. John Bland (1812-1864) of Peoria Illinois, AC 3-2, pp. 5-6.
25. John Bland (1815/1820 -) of Martin County North Carolina, AC 15-17, pp. 93-96; AC 18, pp. 128-129; AC 21-23, Cover and pp. 5-12.
26. John Bland (C1815-1862) of Craven County North Carolina: AC 15-17, p. 96 and AC 18, p. 129.
27. John W. Bland (C1822 -) of Williamson County Tennessee AC 21-23, pp. 124-125; AC 24-26, p. 183.
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. 43-45.
31. Peregrine Bland (C1596-1654) VU, pp. 240-243, AC 2-2, pp. 9-10 and AC 5-2 p. 9
32. Richard Percival Bland (C1700-1737) of St. Helena South Carolina, VU, p. 494. AC 21-23, pp. 198-203.
33. Robert Bland (1783-1836) of Berks County Pennsylvania. AC 6-2, pp. 35-36.
34. Stephan Bland (C1800 -) of Martin County North Carolina, AC 15-17, pp. 96-97; AC 18, p. 130.

35. Theophilus Bland (C1814-1883) of Halifax County North Carolina, AC 18, p. 130.
36. Thomas Bland, of London (-1667) VU, pp. 243-249; AC 21-23, pp. 169-170.
37. Thomas Bland of England (C1789-), AC 3-2, p. 52.
38. Thomas Bland (C1736-1791) of Halifax County North Carolina: AC 15-17, p. 90; AC 18, pp. 123-126.
39. William Bland (C1735-1804) of Edgecombe County North Carolina.
40. William Bland of Nottinghamshire England (- 1786), AC 19/20, pp. 157-160.
41. William Bland (1772-1857) 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, 43.
42. William Bland of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, VU, pp. 365-366; AC 1-1, p. 8; 1-2, pp. 25-26.
43. William Bland (1805 -) of Martin County North Carolina: AC 15-17, p. 97; AC 18, p. 130.
44. William Bland (C1812 -) and Sabra Parrish, Lincoln County Tennessee. AC 24-26, p. 164.
45. William Bland (1813-1898) of North Carolina and Mississippi, AC 8-2, pp. 43-45.
46. William Bland (1817-1875) of Wheeling West Virginia, AC 3-2, p. 54.
47. William Bland of England, AC 2-2, p. 41; 3-1, p. 39.
48. Willson Bland (C1804 -) of Maury County Tennessee AC 21-23 p. 125; AC 24-26, pp. 183-184.

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.

THE BLANDS OF LONDON ENGLAND LINE 1-4**TO SUSANNA DE DOBBELER**

She is the founding mother of our oldest historical line, the James River Blands. On August 13 or 31, 1606, John Bland "The Grosser" (1572-1632) married a Huguenot girl, Susanna De Dobbeler (C1590 – February 1, 1665) in Stade, Hamburg Germany.¹² New information received from a Belgian researcher, Daniel Kempeneer indicates that Susanna/Susanne was the daughter of Dietrich De Dobbeler II, (C1540 – August 17, 1614) and his wife Maria le Brun, (C1570 -1629) who were married in 1586 or 1589. Dietrich De Dobbeler married earlier Barbele De Kempeneer on May 15, 1664 in Brussels Belgium and left "probably because of the religious troubles and went to Hamburg." In Hamburg, the name changed to De Dobbeler. In Hamburg, Dietrich married Maria Le Brun and they were parents of Susanne De Dobbeler. According to Mr. Kempeneer, Susanne "married an Englishman named 'John Bland' marchand and went living in England." Maria Le Brun died in London in 1629 and Mr. Kempeneer believes that after her husband's death she moved to London to live with John and Susanna.

Susanna's husband John had secured his fortune as a successful London merchant, and undoubtedly added to his wealth by commandeering the fortune of his unfortunate brother Peter Bland in a claim settled in Star Chamber.¹³ In their life together, Susan bore John sixteen children, including eight sons and four daughters who grew to adulthood. The daughters married well, into families influential in trade, politics, education and religion. Their eldest son Thomas (1610-1678) was trained at the Inner Temple and with his brother John (1612-1680) was appointed Receiver of the King's rent in Yorkshire. John, in addition, was an acquaintance of the renowned diarist Samuel Pepys, who has fleshed out the persona of John Bland and his beautiful wife Sarah Green for our posterity. Son Robert (1617-1669) was trained in the ministry at Cambridge. The younger sons, Edward (1613-1652), Adam (1616-1646), William (1622-1658) and Theodorick (1629-1671) were merchants. Adam and William died on the high seas, Adam while enroute to Virginia. Edward, the best educated and most versatile of all the brothers, made the first settlement of Blands in Virginia in 1646 and following his death, was succeeded by Theodorick, who married the daughter of the Puritan ex-governor of Virginia and could be said to have established the James River family, through his three

12. Huguenots were French Protestants but practitioners could be found throughout Europe. The Diarist Samuel Pepys' mother, a Huguenot, was an acquaintance of Susanne De Dobbeler, as Pepys was an acquaintance of Susanna's son John Bland. They were generally abused, most horribly in the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in France that began August 1572 and continued for several months. We have previously used the name Deblere and one reference dated the Marriage as September 30, 1606. New Information is provided in E-Mails Daniel Kempeneer to Charles L. Bland, April 14, 16, 17, 2008. Also, online information about the De Dobbeler Family, users.belgacom.net. Susanne may have died in the early stages of the Great Plague of London of 1665, celebrated in Daniel DeFoe's Journal of the Plague Year (1722).

13 AC 8-2, pp. 5-40, esp. pp. 7-10. Also, Charles L. Bland, "The Undeserved Misfortunes of Our Unhappy Familie."

sons, Theodorick, Richard and John. Susanne and John's elder daughters Mary Proby and Susanna Pearson came and lived in Virginia.

This new information about Susanna/Susanne De Dobbeler is quite welcome and useful. Based on the above, Susanna may be said truly to be the founding mother of the James River Blands.

THE JAMES RIVER BLANDS: LINE 1-4

PETER RANDOLPH BLAND (February 2, 1735/1736 new style – February 16, 1781)

¹⁴ Peter Bland, the second son and fourth child of Richard Bland (1710-1776) and Anne Poythress (1712-1758), is merely the oldest of enough Peter Randolph Blands in the line to make one's head spin. Peter married Judith Booker (November 24, 1748 -) in Amelia County Virginia, November 26, 1761. Note carefully that according to this construction, Judith would have just turned thirteen when she married 26 year old Peter. Though such an early marriage would not be out of the question, it would be very unusual to say the least and also is contradicted by the marriage bond that identified her as a spinster. According to Webster's this would imply that she was beyond the commonly accepted age for marriage and in her society was not expected to marry. Thus, although her birth year of November 24, 1748 seem to be commonly accepted, I would argue that it is in error and that identification of her as a spinster in a legal document would suggest she and Peter were about the same age. ¹⁵

Peter had four children including two older sons, who were characterized as adults in his will, which was made on November 14, 1779. ¹⁶ The will names Judith Booker and son Richard Bland co-executors, indicating that Richard would have needed to be 21 at least, born no later than 1758. The second son, Peter Randolph Bland, was also characterized as an adult, suggesting he was at least 21 in 1779, or perhaps on the cusp of attaining his majority with the expectation that he would be 21 by the time the will was probated. Two younger children, Edward and Anne, were construed as minors. This simply does not square with the commonly accepted notion of Judith Booker being the mother of all four of Peter's children. The more likely explanation is that he was married before his marriage to Judith Booker. In previous work, I have identified this woman as Rebecca Spiceley. In light of an objection from a correspondent who knows the James river family well, "I have never heard of that surname in that part

¹⁴ Prior reference to this line is found in VU, p. 163 and AC 5-1, pp. 15-17; AC 7-1, pp. 7-9; AC 8-1, p. 7. Peter's was born during the time of the Julian Calendar, in which years ended March 25. In our "new style" Gregorian Calendar, he would have been born in 1736 because the New year would have begun January 1. England, thus her colonies, adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752.

¹⁵ Brodnax-Bland, p. 14. See also E-Mail, Henry Williamson Jr. to Charles I. Bland, July 12, 2008, furnishing information about Judith Booker from "Yadkin County NC and Caswell County NC." The commonly accepted marriage date for Judith and Peter, October 22, 1761, is actually the date Peter executed a bond to marry Judith Booker William and Mary Quarterly, XV. P. 260.

¹⁶ AC 5-1, pp. 14-17. This source indicates that I actually read the will, but I have not been able to find it in my files, or to find an abstract. I am grateful for the insights of John Marshall, E-Mail, July 11, 2008, who indicates common practice in Colonial Virginia, when there was a long lapse between making and probating a will, seven years in this case, it indicates a wait for the heirs to turn 21.

of Virginia," I would concede that her name may not have been Rebecca Spiceley but that in view of the information at hand, their would be a first wife who was mother of the two older children:¹⁷

A. RICHARD BLAND (C1757 – April 4, 1806)¹⁸ a co-executor of his father's will. Richard lived in Nottoway County Virginia probably in a place called Hurricane Valley, now, Fort Pickett. He married Elizabeth "Sally" Ridley Dickens in Nottoway County on September 22, 1790. Richard's own will leaves property, his "Enfield" plantation, to children:

(1) Peter Randolph Bland (December 9, 1800 – July 21, 1859)¹⁹ Peter inherited his father's estate, "Enfield" and married a cousin Sarah R. Bland (August 18, 1797 – August 16, 1856) before 1828.²⁰ On March 17, 1828, Peter Randolph Bland and Sarah sold their farm in Nottoway County, about 455 acres, to his Uncle Edward Bland (C1767-1831)²¹ and in autumn of 1828 struck out for Tennessee. They were at their "Woodlawn" estate near Belmont in Fayette County Tennessee by Christmas of that year. The family cemetery at Woodlawn was begun in 1834 following the deaths of four of Peter's children, who died of Diphtheria. He and his sister Sallie Dickens Bland Brodnax and their children are buried at Woodlawn.²² Peter and Sarah had been members of the Presbyterian Church of Nottoway County Virginia.²³ In Tennessee, he became a Presbyterian Minister, establishing the First Presbyterian Church at Emmaus in Haywood

17 This construction contradicts Brodnax-Bland which doesn't acknowledge the marriage to Rebecca Spiceley and attributes all children to Judith Booker. E-mail, John Marshall to Charles L. Bland, July 11, 2008. Marshall points out that daughters and granddaughters, see A(1c) and B(1) below are named Judith Booker Bland. I agree that these are arresting points and have no ready explanation, except that by the time these later children were born, the memory of any first wife who died before 1761 would have been ancient, and Judith Booker would have been the mother-grandmother they knew in most of their lives.

18 AC 7-1, pp. 7-9. Richard's will is contained in Judith McGhan, compiler, Virginia Will Records (1982) p. 577. There is some discrepancy in Richard Bland's and Peter Randolph Bland's birth year, usually given as 1765 and 1769 by historians of the family. It should be noted however, that both Richard and Peter were adults when acknowledged in their father's will of 1779 and Richard was an executor.

19 Peter's dates occur in Woodlawn, p. 16.

20 A testament in Notes on Southside Virginia p. 156, states "In my great-grandmother's young days, a Peter Bland lived between 'Woodland' and the Ordinary (Jennings Ordinary). They called him Peter Rodney (sic) Bland and he had married a Miss Bacon (kin to Colonel T.G. Bacon and had lost his property." This appears to be a Peter R. Bland through the line of Richard Bland (C1730-1766).

21 Deed between Peter R. and Sally Bland and Edward Bland, Nottoway County Virginia, March 17, 1828.

22 Henry W. Williamson Jr., "The Story of Woodlawn Cemetery" (November 16, 2006) hereafter called "Woodlawn" is a study of the origin and growth of the cemetery on his ancestor's estate, and includes useful information about its inhabitants, which are quoted throughout this essay. Woodlawn, p. 26, identifies "the colored cemetery" five acres of the family cemetery on Thorpe Road. It contains former slaves of the Bland family and their descendants. There are no names for former slaves in Woodlawn but Henry Williamson's "Great Great Great Grandma Martha Wallace Nash Bland Taylor's Petition Before Congress in the House of Representatives" hereafter called 'Grandma' sites the names of Burrell Taylor, (C1845 -); Frederick Bland (C1845 -) and Lewis Taylor (C1847 -). Marshall, op. cit. names Richard Bland as a brother of Frederick and says later descendants are named Whitmore.

23 Notes on Southside Virginia, p. 51.

County and also ministering to a congregation in Bolivar. After the First Presbyterian Church at Belmont, opened, Peter assumed the ministry and remained there the rest of his life. Their children were:

(a) Richard Edward Bland (October 3, 18?? – June 21, 1834) Richard was one of the four children who died of diphtheria.

(b) Sarah E. Bland (July 25, 1823, June 21, 1834. Died with diphtheria along with three siblings.

(c) Judith Booker Bland (September 24, 1827 - June 21, 1834) died with three siblings of diphtheria.

(d) Martha A. Bland (August 17, 1833 – June 21, 1834) died with three siblings of diphtheria.

(e) Osceola Bland (- 1861) the only surviving sibling from the horrible diphtheria deaths of 1834, Osceola was named for the Seminole War Chief Osceola, who led the Seminoles in the Second Seminole War in Florida.²⁴ He died the year after his father. Osceola was engaged but his fiancée died before they could be married. He passed on his Woodlawn estate and 105 slaves to his aunt and cousin Eliza Bland Yandell who resold the property in 1869 to Richard Thomas Brodnax (3a below).²⁵

(2) Anne Bland

(3) Sally Dickens Bland (C1795- April 25, 1861) Sally married (1st) William Francis Brodnax (April 7, 1790 – April 1824) on June 30, 1814. Sally was widowed in 1824 and about 1825 traveled to Tennessee and lived at Woodlawn with her brother. William F. Brodnax died and may have been murdered while on a business trip to Mississippi. Sally and William had one child:²⁶

(a) Richard Thomas Brodnax (May 21, 1815 - December 27, 1877), married Frances Margaret Feild (September 9, 1818 – August 22, 1910). Sally married (2nd) Jesse Browne (- 1838) in 1831. They had:²⁷

²⁴ See Woodlawn, p. 20 and Wikipedia, "Osceola".

²⁵ E-Mail, Henry Williamson to Charles L. Bland, July 10, 2008 states "Eliza Bland was his aunt not cousin. Well maybe also a cousin too as Osceola's mother Sarah Bland was her husband Peter R. Bland's first cousin and Eliza is Sarah's sister. So Eliza is Osceola's mother's sister and his father's first cousin." Got It??

²⁶ Information about Sally Dickens Bland is enhanced by William Bingham Cleveland Jr. to Charles L. Bland, July 12 and September 20, 1989, hereafter called Cleveland. Dr. Cleveland descends from Sally Dickens Bland through her son Peter Randolph Bland Browne, (b below).

²⁷ According to Woodlawn, p. 23, Sallie and Jesse Brown may have had a child named Sally Dickens Browne. Marshall op. cit. indicates Jesse Brown II had a daughter named sally Dickens Browne.

(b) Peter Randolph Bland Browne (May 5, 1836 – February 2, 1878) married Williiette Field (April 26, 1840 – October 7, 1904) on December 1, 1859 at Haywood Tennessee.²⁸

(c) Jesse Brown II (1838-1870)²⁹

Following the death of Jesse Bland, Sally returned to Woodlawn. She married (3rd) in 1843 a Presbyterian minister named Samuel Hodge. Legend has it that field hands strapped poor Hodge, who suffered from what we would call Alzheimer's, to a mule. The mule departed with Hodge on board and never returned and neither did Reverend Hodge.³⁰

(4) Elizabeth Ridley Bland

B. PETER RANDOLPH BLAND JR. (C1758 - February 1824) Peter in his adult life left Virginia for St. Louis, Missouri, after, as family legend has it, suffering a "reversal of fortune." He was a lawyer in his vocation and was educated at Hampton Sydney College Virginia and qualified to practice law in Nottoway County in 1796. That same year, he disposed of forty acres in a transaction to Richard Dennis.³¹ Peter married (1st) Elizabeth Morrison, (C1763 – 1808) by whom he had four daughters:³²

(1) Judith Booker Bland (- January 25, 1828) Judith was born in Nottoway County Virginia and died in St. Louis Missouri. She married Francis Nash (C1791 – November 2, 1833) no later than August 1, 1812 in Virginia.³³

(a) Mary Virginia Nash (August 25, 1816 – May 31, 1901) Mary was born in Richmond Virginia and died in Springfield, Sangamon County Illinois. She married John Todd Stuart on October 25, 1837 in Morgan Illinois.³⁴

28 Cleveland, Op. Cit. Peter Randolph Bland Browne was the father of Ella Browne (1860-1930) who married William Thomas Coppedge (1854-1889); Their daughter Ocla Coppedge (1882-1974) married William Bingham Cleveland (1862-1929) and they were parents of my correspondent William Bingham Cleveland Jr.

29 E-mail, Marshall op. cit. assures me that though Jesse's tombstone is marked 1882, "he was dead by the time the 1870 census was taken."

30 A more mundane disposition of the Good reverend Hodge was that his children by another marriage took him in.

31 Notes on Southside Virginia, p. 88.

32 Notes on Southside Virginia p. 78. See AC 5-1, pp. 16-17, for a story that Elizabeth Morrison's grave was violated. This construction varies with Brodnax-Bland p. 15, which takes no notice of the earlier marriage to Elizabeth Morrison.

33 Mary Kay Lawson to Charles L. Bland, December 29, 1998, hereafter identified as Lawson, gives as source for Judith Booker Bland's death a letter from Susan F. Nash to Mary V. Lockwood, (sisters of Judith's husband Francis Nash) January 28, 1828, announcing the death of their dear sister Judith on January 25, 1828.

34 Lawson Op. Cit. Mary Virginia and John Stuart were parents of Elizabeth Jane Stuart (1839-1869) who married Christopher Columbus Brown in 1859; they were parents of Edwards Brown, (1863-1923) who married Gertrude May dement on June 10, 1886; they were grandparents of my correspondent Mary Kay Brown Lawson.

(2) Anne Morrison Bland

(3) Elizabeth Morrison Bland

(4) Sally Morrison Bland (August 18, 1797 – August 16, 1856) Sally is defined by Henry Williamson as the “Older half sister” of Martha Wallace Nash Bland (9 below). She married a cousin Peter Randolph Bland (A1 above).

(5) Benjamin Bland³⁵

Peter Randolph Bland married (2nd) Martha Wallace Nash (C1791 – Before April 28, 1834 on September 30, 1809. Their children were:

(6) Peter Francis Bland (February 17, 1811 -) called Colonel Peter Edward Bland, lived in Missouri and was an officer in Sherman’s Army in The Sixth Missouri of the first Brigade during the U.S. occupation of Memphis.³⁶ After the end of the Civil War, Peter took up law practice in St. Louis Missouri. He had a son:

(a) Edward Bland

(7) Richard Edward Bland (October 3, 1813 – 1867) He was trained in medicine and practiced his profession at St. Louis Missouri. He married (1st) Henrietta Wallace Williams (March 5, 1815 - August 1855) on August 1, 1836. Their children were:

(a) Martha Bland

(b) Mary E. Bland

(c) Hilda N. Bland

(d) Edward W. Bland

(e) Virginia B. Bland

(f) Anna Bland

(g) John Randolph Bland (March 14, 1851 – living in 1897) John Randolph lived in Baltimore Maryland. He married Maria Harden (December 20, 1856 – living 1897) and had three children with her. Richard Edward Bland married (2nd) Laura Edwards.³⁷

35 Lawson, Op. Cit. is the only source I have seen for this child.

36 E-Mail, Henry Williamson Jr. to Charles L. Bland, July 12, 2008, references General William Tecumseh Sherman’s memoirs, in which he notes that Colonel Peter F. Bland, Brother to Martha W.N. Bland Taylor was under his command. Sherman noted that his forces entered Memphis on July 21, 1862.

37 Lawson, Op. Cit.

(8) John Nash Bland (June 5, 1815 - c1825)³⁸

(9) Eliza B. Bland (July 20, 1817 – October 4, 1897) married Dr. Lunsford. P. Yandell of Louisville Kentucky.

(10) Martha Wallace Nash Bland (June 7, 1820 - December 19, 1888) Martha died at Point No Point Tennessee and is buried at the Woodlawn cemetery.³⁹ Martha filed a petition to The U.S. Congress, September 24, 1885, claiming recompense from the Union Army for property taken during the Civil War. Henry Williamson says of her, "She was opposed to secession but once the South separated her sympathies with her friends and family, though not necessarily the cause." Her sympathies were split because after all she had a brother Peter, (5 above) who was an officer for the Union. She said "I sympathized with the South and him too." In 1856, Martha opened up her home to injured passengers from a nearby train wreck. She married William Anderson Taylor (October 1, 1803 – December 1846) on April 24, 1839 in Fayette County Tennessee. They are parents of:

(a) Mary Lucy "Tingie" Taylor (1843-1861) is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery without dates but age 17 years and 11 months. She married James A Williamson. She died in child birth but her son Robert Williamson survived.

(b) Sallie Peter Taylor (April 30, 1840 – August 1, 1887) is buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery. Sallie married (1st) William Lewis Williamson (August 25, 1836 - August 6, 1865) about 1860. Poor Williamson died you when a bolt of lightning struck him on his way home from church.⁴⁰ After his untimely demise, Sallie married (2nd) B.Y. Wilson.

A photograph of Martha Wallace Nash Bland Taylor appears on the cover page.

(11) Peter Edward Bland Peter married Virginia Dawson.⁴¹
Probable children of Peter Bland and Judith Booker are:

38 Lawson, Op. Cit. states that John died at age 10.

39 Point no Point, was a property formerly called "Oak Hill" and owned by Martha. Its derivation was that after her hospitality to victims in the 1856 train wreck, she was given a life-time pass and train engineers were instructed to stop of she asks. They called stops "points" thus the Oak Hill property became "Point No Point", from Imogene Williamson Kinney "The Legend of Point No Point", March 2004. Eliza Bland, Martha's sister helped nurse some of the injury back to health including the widower Dr. Lunsford Yandell, whom she subsequently married and moved with him to Louisville, Kentucky. At his death she returned to live in West Tennessee.

40 Brodnax-Bland, p. 15, shows a line of descent from William Taylor Williamson (1861-1944); Wilkins Macklin Williamson Sr. (1890-1978); Henry Watkins Williamson Sr. (1930 -); Henry Watkins Williamson Jr., my correspondent.

41 Lawson, Op. Cit. is the single source for this child.

C. EDWARD BLAND (August 8, 1767 – November 10, 1831) Edward lived and died on a plantation called “Abbeville” in Nottoway County Virginia, with his sister Anne acting as mistress of the place. In his obituary, the writer observed “in fact he was Bland from the hands of his maker. Does the bleeding heart of a tender wife – the flowing tears of orphan children – the deep drawn sigh of numerous relatives, or the loud expressed woe of afflicted servants alone proclaim the loss sustained in his death?”⁴² Oh my. Edward is said to have moved from Prince George to Nottoway County in 1798 and received permission to practice law there. He married (1st) Lettice Jones on March 7, 1786⁴³ and (2nd) Rebecca Jones (October 20, 1791 – September 26, 1841) on June 29, 1808 in Nottoway County. Edward and Rebecca had a family of as many as ten children, including:

(1) Judith Maria Bland (October 19, 1809 - 1856) who married Henry C. Worsham March 16, 1825. They had five children:

- (a) Rebecca Worsham
- (b) Lelia Worsham
- (c) Harriet Worsham married Thomas R. lee
- (d) Edward Worsham
- (e) Patrick Worsham

(2) Margaret Emma Bland (July 17, 1811 - 1867) married George W. Harrison November 20, 1827. They moved to Texas, where they had three children:

- (a) Lucy Harrison
- (b) Emma Harrison
- (c) Virginia Harrison

(3) Edward Sith Bland (April 11, 1813 – November 7, 1825).

(4) Ann Augusta Bland, (March 15, 815 -) who married Reverend Stephen P. Cocke on November 5, 1833. Their children were:⁴⁴

- (a) Willie Cocke

42 Obituary of Edward Bland, Richmond Enquirer, November 22, 1831. Edward’s Will is in Nottoway County Will Book, 6, p. 257.

43 Early Virginia Marriages, Vol 4, (1909) Amelia County Virginia Marriage records, p. 64. Marshall, op. cit.

44 Notes on Southside Virginia, p. 51

(b) Ella Cocke

(c) Nannie Cocke

(5) Martha Branch Bland (February 4, 1817 -) married John David Williams on October 1, 1835. Their child was:

(a) Mary Elizabeth Poythress Williams

(6) William Richard Bland (December 14, 1818 – March 24, 1878), William was a strong Whig, and a lawyer. He lived on an estate called “Springfield” at Blackstone Virginia and married (1st) Elizabeth Ann Irby (August 1, 1825 – August 1, 1848) on September 27, 1842. Children of William Richard Bland and Betty Irby were:

(a) Rebecca Bland (July 25, 1844 – May 30, 1879)

(b) Sarah A. Bland (June 14, 1846 – July 29, 1930)
William Richard Bland married (2nd) Matilda Oliver Epes (March 6, 1831 – August 18, 1892) on May 15, 1850. William and Matilda had:

(c) Edward Bland (May 6, 1851 – October 30, 1901) who married Nannie Cooke at Smith grove Kentucky on June 21, 1881. Edward and Nannie had six children.

(d) William Richard Bland Jr. (May 11, 1854 – August 23, 1854)

(e) Martha Oliver Bland (June 30, 1855 - September 20, 1925) Martha married William Mclean Paisley on November 15, 1888. They moved to Gordon Arkansas.

(f) Judith Maria Bland (June 18, 1858 – March 18, 1938).

(g) Peter Epes Bland (October 13, 1860 – January 22, 1863).

(h) William Harris Bland (September 5, 1865 – May 23, 1891)

(i) Emma Branch Bland (November 14, 1867 – November 18, 1947), Emma died at Wyandotte Pennsylvania and is buried by her sisters Martha and Judith in Blackstone Virginia.

(7) Rebecca Bland (December 4, 1820 -) Rebecca married Thomas Robert Cocke on January 12, 1839. They moved to Victoria Texas and had five children:

(a) Dora Cocke

(b) Venable Cocke

(c) Hamett Cocke

(d) Zulika Cocke

(e) Guelee Cocke

(8) Sarah Frances Bland, (June 26, 1823 -) who married the Reverend Edward Clack Robinson on June 5, 1844. They had six children:

(a) Henry Burrell Robinson

(b) Edward Bland Robinson

(c) Rebecca Clack Robinson

(d) Nonnie M. Robinson

(e) Martha Virginia Robinson

(f) William Clack Robinson

(9) Eliza Virginia Bland (July 21, 1825 – October 20, 1825)

(10) Virginia Bland (February 20, 1827 - December 4, 1870) married Thomas Roper Williams, (1820-1881) on November 11, 1845 in Nottoway County, Virginia. Williams and his wife Virginia left Nottoway County for Fayette County Tennessee in 1848 and settled near Woodlawn, where Virginia is buried.

D. ANNE BLAND Anne was still a minor in 1787 and appears to have never married. When she died, she left her slaves to her siblings. She filed her will in 1806.

THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA BLAND FAMILY LINE 2**DESCENDANTS OF MOSES BLAND (C1718-1800) 25A6C**

MOSES BLAND AND JANE WIGGONTON (C1718-1800) Moses Bland⁴⁵ the oldest son and first child of William Bland (1686-1744) by his second wife, Catherine Key was born about 1718.⁴⁶ Moses joined his half-brother James Bland (C1704-1774) as co-executor of William Bland's estate. Moses' will was made December 10, 1799 and probated May

45 Moses Bland, Moses' family is one of the best and most extensively researched of the Bland family lines. The family group was discussed in my book (VU, pp. 342-365) and was refined and revised several times during the past 25 years, (AC 1-1, pp. 7-8 and attachment 13; AC 2-1, pp. 10-11; Ac 2-2, pp. 34-35; AC 3-1, pp. 21-26; AC 3-2, pp. 39-40; AC 4-1, pp. 6-11; Ac 5-2, pp. 23-25; AC 7-1, pp. 21-23; AC 8-1, pp. 15-25; AC 9-2, pp. 29-30). The most comprehensive revisions to date have been AC 10-1, pp. 16-39; AC 10-2, pp. 10-32, which synthesized information contained in my book and the smaller contributions of the newsletter that preceded it; 11-1, PP. 33-35; See also AC 19/20 pp. 139-156. Vital contributors to our knowledge of this line over the years have included, the late Jane Midtby of Denver Colorado, perhaps the historian of the family with the best

And most catholic appreciation for the entire line. Jane's keen insights invaluable not only to me, but to many others, and she dedicated herself with a genealogists fascination and untiringly to an accurate representation of this line and was an avid fan of Bland genealogy generally. Others who have contributed significantly over the years are: Luella Bland, Brownstown Indiana; Vera Bland, Pasadena Texas; Mary Ella Bland Day, North Vernon Indiana; Phyllis Hurley, Seymour Indiana, Berenice Mumford, Carsbad New Mexico; Elva Reitz, Sun City Arizona; Max Kessinger, Witchita Kansas; Hazel Kirtley, Sarasota Florida; Esther Jenkins, Myrtle Point Oregon; Kay Monroe, Sullivan Indiana; Mary Jane Sine, Louisville Kentucky and Robert Wheeler, Lebanon Oregon. These were 20th century pioneer historians of this branch of the Bland family and many of them have passed from the scene and are dearly missed. For contributions to this essay I am grateful for contributions from Jennie Anderson, Patricia Barke, David Bland, Joyce Bradford, Anne Marie Coady, Loetta Conditt, John Cupp, Bernice Bland Danby, Jeanne Bland Hardison, Kaye Harwell, Jack Hunt, Phyllis King, Nella Neary, Karen Nicum Tuesday Perry Virginia Taylor, and Dorothy May Henson Carter Thomas. I also received and appreciated a file from Adrienne Soto, called hereafter Soto File, which was very rich in information about the Bland-Needham connection in this line.

46 William Bland married Catherine Key on February 6, 1716/1717. If Catherine conceived soon after their marriage, the first child would have been born in 1718. There is evidence on record to suggest that Thomas Bland, another son of William Bland and Catherine Key, was born no later than 1719. Yet Moses, and not Thomas, was his father's co-executor. Thus, the estimate for Moses' birth in 1718. The source of the name Moses in the Bland family is uncertain. I do not recall its usage in England and Moses, son of William Bland and Catherine Key is the first use I know of. Possibly it came from the Davis or Stone families in Prince William County Virginia, with whom the early Blands were associates, neighbors and friends (VU, p. 370). In 1758, a Moses Bland was living in Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

1800, but the language of the will's preamble indicates that Moses "very sick and weak of body" died soon after making his will at the remarkably old age of eighty one (C1718 – 1799 or 1800).

Moses and his half brother James Bland became active in a mining enterprise begun in 1732 by William Bland and they took it over following his death in 1744. The business went bad in 1752⁴⁷ and it is probable that James went to North Carolina soon after, for traces of James begin to appear in records for New Hanover and Duplin County North Carolina in the mid 1750s. Moses is found in Prince William and Fairfax County Virginia as late as 1771. Moses and his son William appear in land transactions of Anson County North Carolina as early as 1772. Moses and his wife then appeared on the tax lists of Randolph County, North Carolina, in 1779, when the county was formed from Guilford.⁴⁸ Moses appeared on the record in Randolph County several times in the twenty years preceding his death. In 1790 Moses was enumerated in the Hillsborough District of the county with his wife. Why Moses moved to North Carolina is uncertain.

Moses married Jane Wiggonton, of Overwharton Parish, Stafford County Virginia on January 14, 1750/1751. Jane Wiggonton's date of birth is not certain, but should be sometime between 1730-1735.⁴⁹ The most reliable guide to Moses' family is his will published December 10, 1799 and probated May 1800.⁵⁰ Moses identified a wife Jane, two sons, William and Benjamin, and six daughters, Sally, Fanny, Winny, Peggy, Caty and Nancy. Moses' will was witnessed by Thomas Bland, who was not identified as a child in the body of the will, and most probably Thomas Bland (1773-1831) whom we will see fully developed for the first time in this essay, a son of William Bland (C1751-1801)

Moses will becomes the baseline document for analyzing the development of his family line. In the following pages, I will break down the family over four generations, which will carry the reader from the children identified in Moses Will to a fourth generation that crosses over the boundary of the 19th and 20th century.⁵¹ The children of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton were:

1. **WILLIAM BLAND** (C1751-1801) The eldest son of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton was William Bland, (tenth generation). William was almost certainly born in 1751. In the 1800 census he was enumerated as over 45.⁵² William appeared in Anson County North

47 (VU p. 272)

48 Guilford was formed from Rowan County and Rowan in turn was formed from Anson County in 1753. Maps of North Carolina appearing in VU, pp. 276A-B are helpful in understanding the evolution of these counties.

49 Jane's father, Henry Wiggonton Sr., made his will June 5, 1735. Stafford County Virginia Will Book M, p. 220. The will states "to my wife Sarah and daughters ... Jeanne (probably Jane) . . . all my personal estate divided equally, to daughters at age 18 or when they marry." Thus, Jane was under age 18 in 1735. She married Moses in January 1750/1750, and girls were usually 15-20 at their first marriage.

50 Moses' will is quoted in full in AC 10-1, p. 18

51 Note 1, op. Cit

52 Moses and Jane were married in January 1751 and Jane could have delivered William by the end of 1751. Additionally, William was involved in land transactions by 1772,

Carolina July 15, 1772, when he received a parcel of land from Thomas Ward and his wife.⁵³ He was still living in 1800-1801 when he made land transactions in the Fork Creek area with William and John Needham, and his brother Benjamin.⁵⁴

William married _____ Ward, probably born between 1755-1757. As noted above, William received land from Thomas Ward and his wife in 1772, and an old family tradition has William marrying a woman named Ward.⁵⁵ In 1999, Steven Deitz of Woodlake California, offered information that gave William's date of death as 1816, hence (1751-1816), which may be true if he left North Carolina and went to Kentucky as indicated in Jack Bland's diary. Mr. Dietz also indicated that William married Rachel Ward on July 15, 1772 in Anson County North Carolina.⁵⁶

In 1790, William was enumerated in the Hillsborough District of Randolph County, North Carolina, with a family that included himself, his wife, two males over 16, (as configured below, probably Moses and James: Thomas would have been 16 or 17), two males under 16, (William, Abel) and three daughters (Ann, Jane and an unknown daughter).

signifying that he was indeed born no later than 1751.

53 AC 3-1, p. 22

54 Francis Bland, for a 1900 Bland Reunion, wrote that James Bland (1773-1832) "and his family, his mother and her family" moved to Indiana in 1799. Since Moses Bland's will was made out in December 1799 and named William as a recipient of land, he must have been too sick to move with his family. A fragment attached to a diary kept by Frank Bland (1854-1946), Below p. . which was written in a different hand than Frank's, Virginia Taylor surmises it looks like a woman's writing, perhaps one of his aunts, states "Grandfather Bland and wife, bornd in North Carolina-moved to Kentucky with his family and settled near Louisville." If this were written by one of the children of Thomas Bland (1773-1831), it would refer to William, stating erroneously that he was born in North Carolina rather than Virginia, and would mean that he left Randolph County North Carolina early in the 19th century with most of his children, for Kentucky. It is well known that Thomas brother James was in Kentucky by 1798 and his brother Moses went to Kentucky by 1800. Why this sudden mass migration to Kentucky is not clear. I have always believed that they joined many others in the coastal states in flocking to the area of Cane Ridge Kentucky to be at the heart of the Second Great Awakening which was rolling across the country like a hurricane and became a prime motive for going west after the turn of the 19th century.

55 _____ Ward was recorded in the 1800 Census as aged 26-45. Her earliest child was Moses Bland (1771-1852) who was recorded as age 78 in the 1850 Census. Thus Miss Ward would have been no more than 14 when she married William and 15 when her first child was born. Moses Bland to Levi Edward Bland, October 19, 1902, cited in AC 2-2, p. 10. At one time, I formed the opinion that William's wife was named Julia, but in reviewing this material, I realize that I cannot substantiate this name.

56 E-mail, Steven Deitz to Gharles L. Bland, April 19, 1999. The marriage date, if valid, would indicate that Moses and possibly James Bland were born out of wedlock or were children of a first marriage. My attempts to contact Stephen Dietz' sources were never successful. See AC 15-17, pp. 130-133.

By 1800, the family included William, then over 45, one, female, Julia, aged 26-45 (William's wife), one male and one female, aged 10-16, (William and Jane) one female and two males under 10 (Margrette, Abel and John). Older children were on their own or had already left Randolph County. Children of William Bland and ___ Ward were:

A. MOSES BLAND (1772- after 1850)⁵⁷ Moses known as a "root doctor" is the eldest son of William Bland and ___ Ward. He was. Moses was born in Anson County North Carolina and died in Sullivan County Indiana after 1850. In the late 1790's, Moses left home, possibly with his brothers Thomas and James, and by 1800 he was in Nelson County, Kentucky, where he married Peggy Bland, a daughter of a cousin Samuel Bland,⁵⁸ on November 24, 1800. Moses' was married to Peggy about six years, and during that time they had one daughter, Elizabeth Bland (1803-1846) who later married Ambrose Knott (1802-1882) in Nelson County, Kentucky, December 1, 1828 and moved with him to Sullivan County Indiana. Both are buried in the Burnett Cemetery, Sullivan Indiana.⁵⁹

Peggy Bland died about 1805-1806 and Moses Bland married Nancy Boaz, (C1783-after 1830)⁶⁰ in Woodford County, Kentucky, on March 21, 1807.⁶¹ By 1810, Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz were in Jefferson County, Kentucky. The census of that year showed Moses, aged 26-45, (actually aged 38) with a female (Nancy Boaz) aged 26-45, a daughter, aged 10-16, and two females under 10 (Elizabeth and Ann Maria). In 1820, Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz were in Jackson County, Indiana, where they were enumerated with a family including one male over 45 (Moses would have been about 48 in 1820). No adult female is enumerated, There are enumerated with Moses, three males, all under age 10, as well as two females aged 10-16, and two females under 10. By 1830, Moses Bland was in Jennings County, Indiana (he moved there about 1823), and was enumerated as one male under ten; two males 15-20; one female 10-15; and one female 15-20. Additionally, there was a female 20-30, and a male 40-50 (Moses would have been 58 in 1830). Inasmuch as Nancy Boaz died between 1820-1830, the adult female would have been Ann Maria, who

57 The line of Moses Bland (1772-1850) is discussed in VU, p. 349-352 and AC 10-1, pp. 22-26. His line will be delineated in skeletal form and the reader is directed to the earlier document for fuller information.

58 VU, pp. 348 and The family of Samuel Bland (C1751-1836) son of John Bland (C1725-1795) who was a brother of the above older Moses, (C1718-1800), is found in VU pp. 455-456 and AC 21-23, pp. 131-143, the latter summarizes Samuel's family history and includes references to earlier sources.

59 In the 1810 Census for Jefferson County Kentucky, there is recorded an unnamed daughter age 10-16, which prompts Jane Midtby to wonder whether Moses had a wife before he married Peggy Bland.

No record of such a marriage has turned up. Samuel Bland's wife and Peggy Bland's mother was named Mary Ann, so the name Elizabeth, as a first daughter to Moses Bland, may be a clue to his mother's given name.

60 E-mail, Jennie Anderson to Charles L. Bland, September 24, 2005.

61 In 1763, Thomas Ward, presumably a later grandfather to Moses Bland, was listed among taxable with one John Boaz.

did not marry until 1831. Moses married Sarah Whitaker on October 14, 1830 in Jennings County There were no known children by Sarah Whitaker. Moses moved to Sullivan County, Indiana about 1834 and died there after 1850.

Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz had six children between 1809-1818:

(1) Ann Maria Bland (1809 – January 12, 1869)⁶² who was born in Kentucky and died in Hendricks County Indiana. Ann Maria is buried at the Danville East Cemetery. She married her cousin Abraham Bland (Feb 1805 – February 12, 1871), eldest son of Moses' brother Thomas Bland (1773-1831) and Elizabeth Huff in Jennings County Indiana May 21, 1831. (See below, p. 61)⁶³ Abraham and Ann Maria Bland are both buried in Hendricks County Indiana. They had a family of nine children who are articulated in the section below for Thomas Bland (1773-1831);⁶⁴

(2) Lucinda Bland (C1811-1853) married James C. Whitaker, (C1810-) in Jennings County Indiana, August 18, 1831 and moved with him to Sullivan County.

(3) William Bland, (1812-1852). William married in Jennings County, Indiana, on April 9, 1831, Mary "Polly" Pennock (C.1810-1877), from New York.⁶⁵ William and Mary had a family of eight children, including:

(a) Sarah Jane (C1832-1900), who left home in 1846 to marry (1st) _____ Brown. She had a daughter by him but Mr. Brown was gone from the scene by April 11, 1850 when Sarah Jane remarried (2nd) Silas Scott in Sullivan County. Scott was a sadistic brute and an alcoholic, who beat and abused her and their children. Sarah Jane filed for a divorce on July 24, 1876. Silas quickly remarried to yet another Bland woman, Mariah Cynthia Bland, daughter of Minor Bland (see below, p 54) who, God bless her wicked old heart, revenged Silas abuse of her cousin and settled his hash for good. On May 17, 1778, at age 45, Sarah Jane Bland married Joseph Briggs.

(b) Almira Bland (C.1834-), married Thomas Carrithers (1856-) in Sullivan County October 24, 1884.

(c) Nancy E. Bland (C1837-) No record of a marriage exists but on October 23, 1862, Nancy gave birth to Alice Bland (1862-1931).

(d) Mary Ann Bland (C.1839-), may have married John F. Heath.

62 I am very grateful to Karen Nicum for a photograph of Anna Maria's tombstone which establishes her dates of death.

63 This connection was always a mystery to me until resolved by Karen Nicum, "Register report - Thomas Bland" hereafter referred to as Nicum, page 2

64 Nicum, pp 5-6 ff.

65 After the death of William Bland, Polly Pennock Bland married Henry Wood on May 10, 1854.

(e) Elizabeth Bland (C.1841-)

(f) Mariah Bland (1843-1893) who married Elisha Hadden in Sullivan County January 18 1861.

(g) William A. Bland, (1845-1883), served during the Civil War with Company D, 31st Indiana Volunteers between April 20, 1863 and June 16, 1865, when he deserted. For this, William was imprisoned. His photograph reveals an extremely handsome young man.⁶⁶ William married on May 3, 1866, Leannah Burnett (1850-1870). Leannah was the source of bitterness and jealousy between William and his younger brother Moses, (C1848-1920, (H below, p. 52) who had courted Leannah before he went to war. After William's desertion and brief imprisonment, he went home and stole Leannah away from Moses. Later in his life, Moses wrote to Levi Edward Bland, William Bland's son by Leannah Burnett "your father came home and was much better looking than I and . . . he too was struck by her beauty and made suit and gained her in my absence."⁶⁷ By Leannah Burnett, William was father of two children.⁶⁸ After the death of Leannah Burnett, William married Sarah Hildebrand in Polk County Missouri on July 28, 1876, and by her had a family of three children.

(h) Moses Bland (1848-1920) the moping Romeo identified above, died in Los Angeles, California and is buried at Linton, Indiana. During the Civil War, Moses enlisted as a substitute in Company F, 57th Indiana Volunteers and served from November 1, 1864 to October 10, 1865, just long enough for his older brother to snatch his girl friend. He was discharged at Victoria Texas. In his military papers, Moses was described as 5' 6", blue eyes, dark hair. Squaring his revenge on leannah Burnett, Moses married four women, including Ann Robinson, whom Moses married on May 27, 1862, Namoi B., Merrill, (-1881), by whom he had three children, and Sarah E.A. Merrill, (-1900), Naomi's sister, whom Moses married January 2, 1882. By Sarah,

66 VU p. 360A.

67 How a 15 or 16 year old boy, already married, could get so twisted up over a woman is a question answerable only by the very young. This story evokes the sibling rivalry in John Ford's 1956 film, *The Searchers*, when Ethan Edwards returns home, obviously deeply in love with his sister in law Martha, who in his long eight year absence has married his brother Aaron, but has a daughter Debbie, age 8, who becomes the object of Ethan's "searching way out there," and the catalysts for his murderous hatred and rage. The door closes on Ethan at the end of the film, excluding him from human society, but John Wayne later mused that he believed Ethan and Debbie lived their lives together as father and daughter. As Hitchcock was fond of saying, "it's only a movie."

68 One of their children, Levi Edward Bland (1869-1955) was the grandfather of the late Max Kessinger.

Moses had one daughter. After Sarah Merrill's death, Moses married Ella Empson of Sullivan County but they had no children.

(4) Richard Anderson Bland (January 6, 1815 - 1904)⁶⁹ Richard was born in Nelson County, Kentucky and died in Sullivan County, Indiana. Richard was a cabinet maker and farmer. Richard married (1st), in January 1835, Eusebia Mason (C1817 - April 5, 1875). Following her death Richard married Millie A. Allen (1825-1891) on December 19, 1877, but had no children by her. Richard had had nine children with Eusebia Mason:

(a) Nancy A. Bland (December 10 1835 – February 16, 1917), who married Levi Hunt (November 4, 1829 – January 16, 1910) on October 3, 1854. They lived and died in Sullivan County Indiana They had ten children.⁷⁰ I am pleased to display a photograph of Levi Hunt and Nancy A. Bland with nine of their children on the following page.⁷¹

69 VU p. 349, AC 10-1).

70 Nancy and Levi had a son named Thomas Bunyan Hunt (August 1, 1855 - July 10, 1871). Worlds apart, my grandfather was named Thomas Bunyan Bland, (1876-1955).

71 This photograph includes all children save Thomas Bunyan Hunt, who died at age 15. A younger photograph of Levi Hunt and Nancy A. Bland appears in AC 5-2, p. 39



Family of Levi Hunt and Nancy A. Bland:
Standing (L-R): John Anderson Hunt; Clara Samatha Hunt Clerk; Levi Oscar Hunt;
Cora Hannah Hunt Maple; Arthur Emerald Hunt.
Seated (L-R) Luella Flora Hunt Graham; Laura isabell Hunt Graham; Levi Hunt; Nancy
Ann Bland Hunt; Lucretia Pennington; Louisa Hunt Gambill
Photograph Courtesy Jack Hunt

- (b) James M. Bland (1838-1839).
- (c) William H. Bland (February 13, 1840 – February 13, 1920). William served in the Civil War with the 141st Regiment, 2nd Indiana. He married (1st) Clara A. Wilson, (1849-August 20, 1869) by whom he had one daughter, and (2nd) Mary Elizabeth Hughes (1852-1937) on March 25, 1873, by whom he had four children.
- (d) Thomas F. Bland (1842-1915) who married Cecelia M. or Charlotte B Merry (1845-) on August 29, 1866. Thomas was a Civil War veteran. He and Cecelia Merry had six children.
- (e) Marion Bland (1846-1847).
- (f) Sarah M. Bland (1848-1855).
- (g) Richard A. Bland (1851-1852).
- (h) Justice D. Bland (1855-1856).
- (i) Samantha Bland (1857-1919) who married (1st) James E. Gibbs, March 14, 1894 and (2nd) John L. Hanchett, February 4, 1900.
- (5) Lucretia Bland (1817-1908). Lucretia married Justice Davis (1803-1856) about 1830. Both are buried at Gill Cemetery, Sullivan County.
- (6) Minor Bland (1818-1879). Minor was born in Jackson County Indiana and died in Sullivan County. He served as a private in the Civil War, with Company I, 97th Indiana Regiment from 1861-1863. Minor lived for sixteen more years but remained in bad health because of diabetes and a kidney disease. Minor married first, Elizabeth Knotts (1822-1854) about 1840. Both are buried at the Burnett Cemetery, Gill Township, Sullivan County. By Elizabeth, Minor Bland had a family of six children, including:
- (a) Mariah Cynthia Bland (1841-). Mariah occupies my fantasies. She married five times between 1860-1882, suggesting that she may have been implicated in some of their deaths. She married Alfred Williams in Sullivan County about 1860 and she lived with him until 1873, when she left him and married a man named Polk. No record exists of what happened to Williams or Polk, when on December 22, 1876, Mariah married Silas Scott, himself fresh from a divorce with Sarah Jane Bland (above p.51). Silas Scott, a brute of some reputation, met his match with Mariah, who “married” multiple times and showed no special discrimination from one husband to another. Silas was dead by October 30, 1878, when Mariah married George William Gaines. On April 22, 1882, Mariah, lean and mean at 41, married 22 year old Ransom Dale, who must have not bothered to

investigate the past. Mariah kept him in her chicken coop and Ransom caused her no trouble.

(b) Sarah J. Bland (1845-), who married (1) John Wilkey in Sullivan County, March 16, 1864 and (2) Allen S. Bland, (1802-1886), April 6, 1869. Allen was the oldest son of Rolly Bland and Delsey Shecklesworth, of the Washington County Virginia Bland family.⁷² Allen S. Bland at age 67 still had fire in the furnace and he and his child-bride produced five children.

(c) William M. Bland (1846-died before 1880).

(d) James M. Bland (1848-before 1880).

(e) Jonathan E. Bland (1851-).

(f) Nancy E. Bland (1854-before 1880).

After the death of Elizabeth Knotts, Minor Bland married Lucinda Morin (1828-1906) on July 12, 1855.⁷³ Lucinda was a daughter of Margarett Bland and Walter Morin, (page 79J below) By Lucinda Morin, Minor had five children:

(g) Eliza J. Bland (1856-after 1880) Eliza was noted "afflicted" in the 1880 Census. She married Christopher Dale on June 5 or 24, 1887.

(h) Emisor Bland (1856-died young), probably Eliza's twin.

(i) Lucretia Bland (1858-).

(j) Martha Bland (1860-).

(k) Elizabeth (1862-before 1880).

B. JAMES BLAND (May 21, 1772 – May 4, 1831)⁷⁴ James was born in Virginia or Randolph County North Carolina. He died in Lancaster Township, Jefferson County, Indiana. James married on September 8, 1796, Jane Johnston, (December 12, 1780 - March 2, 1866) of Randolph County, North Carolina and by 1798, James and Jane, with their children, James' mother and at least some of his siblings had moved to Christian or Livingston County in Western Kentucky. In 1799, they moved to Clark Grant, Indiana Territory. James was commissioned a Captain in the Clark Grant Militia on May 25, 1805,

⁷² Vu pp. 470-472 and AC 13, pp 19-23.

⁷³ This marriage was strictly a family affair. Lucinda Morin was the daughter of Walter Moring and Margaret Bland (1795-) a daughter of William Bland, (C1751-1801, see below p. 33).

⁷⁴ I am grateful to Karen Nicum for tombstone photographs that establish the precise dates of birth and death for both James Bland and his wife Jane Johnston.

hence he came to be known as Captain Bland.⁷⁵ James and Jane lived in Clark Grant from 1799-1812, but following an Indian massacre of whites at Pigeon Roost in September 1812, James removed his family, along with others, to Kentucky, where Jane and the children remained until February 1814, when James moved them to Big Creek, in now Lancaster Township in the then Indiana Territory in what would be Clark County Indiana.

Jane Johnston was one of the strongest and most notable of the Bland women.⁷⁶ According to Jane Johnston's obituary, she was part of a move to organize a Methodist Episcopal Church in the Kentucky wilderness. The home of James Bland and Jane Johnston became a regular house of worship, a "preaching place" for their neighbors, and Jane was instrumental in helping form the Methodist Episcopal Church in Jefferson County, as she had been in Kentucky. She was eulogized following her death:

Mother Bland...was a woman of superior mind and unwavering purpose, of active energy, untiring zeal, of patient endurance; a kind friend, a safe counselor, in short a true and enlightened Christian woman. Many persons were relieved of their suffering by her medical skill...

The children of James Bland and Jane Johnston were:

(1) Polly Bland, (1797-), married William Needham (August 31, 1790 -) in Henry County Kentucky October 22, 1812. William Needham and Polly Bland were both buried in Ripley, Indiana. William was the son of John Needham and Ann Bland (see below, p 88 A).

(2) Jane Bland, (1799- October 2, 1885) born at Clark's Grant, Indiana, and died at Fall Creek, Hamilton County, Indiana. She married Samuel Whelchel (-1882) in 1813.⁷⁷

(3) Rachel Bland (1802-after 1870) born at Clark Grant Indiana and died in Jefferson County, Indiana. She married Robert Chapman.

(4) Reverend Thomas Bland (January 27, 1804 - 1892) born in Clarke's Grant Indiana and died in Bigger Township, Jennings County, Indiana. Thomas was a circuit rider and Methodist minister. He married Martha "Patsy" Bland (November 22, 1803 -1891), his cousin and daughter of his great uncle, Benjamin Bland. (See below (P 84 E) on December 15, 1825. They had a family of eight children:⁷⁸

(a) Francis Asberry Bland, (October 1, 1826 -September 25, 1907). Francis

75 AC 3-1, p. 26.

76 See Jane's photograph in VU, p. 360A

77 One of the children of Jane Bland and Samuel Whelchel was Thomas Whelchel, whose daughter Alta Whelchel married Wynn and they were parents of Berniece Wynn Mumford.

78 Descendants of Thomas and Martha Bland are discussed in greater detail in AC 10-2, pp. 9-16.

was born and died in Jennings County Indiana. He married (1st) Frances Anna Hall (March 3, 1829 – June 6, 1860) in Jennings County on April 4, 1847. They had a family of five children. Francis married (2nd) Jane Ann Hansell (1833-1896), by whom he had one child.

(b) Benjamin Franklin Bland, Benjamin Franklin Bland (January 25, 1829 - September 28, 1862): Benjamin married the widow Permilia Violet Kail (1831-1880) about 1855 and by her had two children:

(c) James Calvin Bland (January 13, 1831 - July 19, 1896) married Sarah M. Burge (November 29, 1835 - October 10, 1895) on March 29, 1855. James Calvin Bland and Sarah M. Burge had a family of twelve children.⁷⁹

(d) William U. or V. Cooper Bland (1832-).

(e) Thomas Johnston Bland (May 12, 1833 - January 18, 1864) Thomas was born In Jennings County and died in Shelby County Indiana, while he was enlisted in the Union Army. There is no record that he married.

(f) Elizabeth Jane Bland (December 4, 1835 - January 23, 1870) married Caleb G. Alexander on April 1, 1869. Elizabeth died, probably in child birth.

(g) Doctor John Osburn (April 9, 1838 - after 1890).⁸⁰ John married (1st) Lucy Mooney (April 5, 1843 - May 13, 1891), on June 28, 1862. Mother and a son died in childbirth. John married (2nd) Josephine Warren Park, who was the mother of one daughter named Maude (1892-1959).

(h) Marion Elhannan Bland (May 29, 1842 - February 10, 1884) married in 1873 the widow Aurilla L. Baker (C1833- after 1900). They had one known child, named Bertha, born about 1874.

(5) James Bland (September 28, 1808 - December 1872). James was the fifth child and second son of James Bland and Jane Johnston. Johnston. James married Sarah Nichols (1814-) on December 22, 1831. James was born in Clarke's Grant Indiana and died in Keokuk County Iowa. Sarah was born in Ohio. They had seven children:
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(a) Nancy Bland, (1833-1876), married an unknown man in 1857.

79 Photographs of James Calvin Bland and Sarah Burge and their children appear in AC 10-2, pp. 13-15.

80 John appears as a physician in the records of the Jackson County Indiana medical society, Commissioner's record Book 6, page 50, June 4, 1862.

81 Descendants in the line of James Bland and Sarah Nichols are discussed in greater detail in AC 10-2, pp. 16-17.

- (b) Mary Jane Bland (October 3, 1835 – December 8, 1910), married Thomas L. McCammon (1829-1907) on September 25, 1853. They had a family of five children.⁸²
- (c) Calvin Bland, (June 14, 1840 – April 6 or 7, 1862) died at the Battle of Shiloh, fighting for Iowa Company F.
- (d) John S. Bland, (C1842-living in Nebraska in 1885).
- (e) Sarah E. Bland, (1844-1871), was married in 1870 name of husband unknown.⁸³
- (f) Theresa E. Bland, (1846-1874) was married in 1870 name of husband unknown.
- (g) Francis M. Bland (1860-1873).
- (6) Nancy Bland, (1811-). Nancy married her cousin William Bland in 1829, a son of her uncle Benjamin Bland and his wife Ruth ___ in Jefferson or Washington County and is buried with him in Vermillion County, Indiana. (see below, P 80 5B)
- (7) William Bland, (1813-) who died in his infancy and is buried in Jefferson County, Indiana.
- (8) Phoebe Bland, (June 30 1816 - 1858) married Dr. Daniel Chitwood in 1843. Chitwood was the physician who attended Phoebe's father James in his last illness in 1831. I am pleased to display a photograph of Phoebe Bland Chitwood on the following page.⁸⁴
- (9) Elizabeth Bland, (1816-) Phoebe and Elizabeth are said by Luella Bland of Brownstown Indiana to have been twins. Elizabeth Bland never married.
- (10) Minerva Bland, (C1820-) married James Thomas.

82 These children included Sarah Ellen McGammon who married Samuel Marsh Spencer. Their daughter Fannie Spencer married Joseph J. Griffiths, who were the parents of my correspondent Elva Reitz.

83 In a petition for her son Calvin's pension, Sarah Nichols Bland listed the birth years of children John, Sarah E. and Theresa E. as 1842, 1844, and 1846.

84 AC 3-1, p. 23, information supplied to Jane Midtby by Jack Allen Chitwood of Lexington Indiana. Phoebe is buried at the Slippery Point cemetery in Lexington Indiana.



Phoebe Bland Chitwood (1816-1858)
Courtesy Jane Bland Midtby

(11) Francis Marion Bland (October 18, 1824 - November 1, 1909) Francis Marion was born and died in Lancaster Township, Jefferson County Indiana. He was the eleventh and last child and fourth son of James Bland and Jane Johnston. Francis, a farmer and a Methodist, married Rachel Hannah Hall (June 18, 1832 - February 12, 1908) on February 16, 1851 in Jefferson County Indiana. They had eight children:

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(a) James Chitwood Bland (December 6, 1851 -) born in Jefferson County Indiana. James' married (1st) Frances Perry 1871 and (2nd) Luella Craft on September 27, 1873. By his second marriage, James Chitwood Bland had two children.

(b) Mary Rebecca Bland (May 1, 1854 - December 27, 1927). Mary married Robert Clouston (February 18, 1844 - June 8, 1885), a Civil War Veteran, on September 27, 1873. They had two children.

(c) Thomas William Bland (January 13, 1856 - July 14, 1931). Thomas, a Methodist who was born and died in Jefferson County Indiana, married Ella S. Prather, (March 1863-1901) on July 20, 1881. They had of seven children.

(d) John Martin Bland (March 15, 1858 - February 28, 1916). John, a farmer and a Methodist, married Luella Shaw (1863-1943) on September 24, 1884, probably at Batesville, Ripley County Indiana. This family was living at Otter Creek in Ripley County in the 1900 Census. They had a family of nine children.

(e) Francis Marion Bland Jr. (October 20, 1860 - September 26, 1883). Francis died unmarried and of typhoid fever.

(f) Eva Della Bland (July 1863 - July 4, 1927). Eva married on January 12, 1888, Mr. Alexander McNutt, a mailman from Indianapolis and they had two children.

(g) Jenny Jane Phoebe Bland (December 17, 1865 - October 1, 1883), died of typhoid fever five days after her brother Francis Marion. Jenny died unmarried.

(h) Kenneth Orville Bland (March 12, 1869 - October 18, 1917). Kenneth married Mary Emma Wasser on August 26, 1891. They had three children.

C. THOMAS BLAND (C1773 -1831) Thomas Bland was born in Randolph County North Carolina and died in Leavenworth, Crawford County Indiana. Thomas witnessed the will of the elder Moses Bland in 1799.⁸⁶ Elva Reitz once noted a Thomas Bland in Randolph

85 Descendants of Francis Marion Bland and Rachel Hall are discussed more fully in AC 10-2, pp. 17-20.

86 One might argue that in 1799, Thomas Bland, whom I argue is the son of William Bland, was the only adult Bland male left in Randolph County to witness Moses' will, his

County, listed as insolvent in 1801.⁸⁷ His birth year of 1773, established by his son Milton's assertion that he died in 1831 at age 58, seems conclusive.⁸⁸ Thomas served as a private in The War of 1812, with the Second Regiment of the Indiana Militia.⁸⁹ Thomas married Elizabeth Huff (C1785 - 1855), daughter of Abraham Huff and Sarah deMoss, who was born in Virginia and died in Stilesville, Hendricks County Indiana about 1802.⁹⁰

Between 1801-1805 Thomas migrated out of North Carolina. He was appointed an Ensign in the first regiment of Clark, Indiana Territory May 25, 1805, along with his brother James Bland, (1773-1832), who was appointed Captain. Thomas is identified in Clark County Indiana in 1810-1812. In February 1813, one John Wilkey did service in the War of 1812 as a substitute for Thomas Bland, and in Jackson County Indiana in 1820, a Thomas Bland was enumerated in the census as a family head, aged 26-45. If this Thomas had been born say, in 1775-1779, he could have been under 16 in 1790, have witnessed his grandfather's will in 1799, and appeared in Jackson County, Indiana in 1820, aged 42-45. In the 1820 Census of Jackson County Indiana, Thomas's household consists of himself and one male 10-16 and two males under 10. There are also two females aged 10-16 and one under 10, living with him. No wife is mentioned in this census but a fragment attached to a diary maintained by Thomas' grandson Frank Bland (1854-1946) picks up the story:

Father moved to Crawford County Indiana in 1822.⁹¹ Lived in Leavenworth till 1831. In the spring of 1831, he died and was buried there. Was 58 years old in the prime of his manhood. In the fall of 1831, mother moved with her family to Jennings County Indiana, near South Hanover. At the last named place, she became insane. In 1837, we moved from there to Stilesville where she died in the year 1855. Grandfather Bland and wife (sic) in North Carolina-moved to Kentucky with his family and settled near Louisville. Grandfather Huff emigrated from new Holland, and grandmother Huff, was a native of Wales. Her father's name was DeMoss. They first settled in the state of Virginia.⁹²

father and uncle Benjamin being named in the will, therefore deriving benefit from it.

87 AC 3-1, p. 22. Thomas birth and death years are established by Nicum, p. 1.

88 Nicum, P. 1, there is no grave for Thomas Bland. According to Crawford County genealogical sources, Old Leavenworth Cemetery was flooded in the late 1800s and many graves were destroyed.

89 Ibid.

90 Nicum, p. 2. cf Ac 11-1, pp. 33-35, for an earlier contribution by Phyllis Hurley that is generally born out by the later findings. Phyllis identified a deed dated July 1, 1829, Crawford County, that indicates Thomas' wife was named Ruth.

91 Nicum, pp. 1, 3, Birth information for James Bland, sixth child of Thomas and Elizabeth, was that he was born in Crawford County August 14, 1821.

92 Nicum, p. 1, cites this Diary Entry, identified by its owner Virginia Taylor as the property of Thomas Bland's grandson Frank Bland (see below p. 67 (2)) which was kept by the latter as a record of his trip to California in 1876. Cousin Virginia says that the fragment which appears above was attached to the back of the diary, and written in a different hand than Frank's, possibly by a woman, possibly by one of Frank's aunts since the reference is obviously to Thomas Bland (1773-1831). E-Mail, Virginia Taylor to Charles L. Bland, June 14, 2008.

Stilesville was in Hendrick's County Indiana, where Elizabeth Huff Bland was enumerated in 1840 with her remaining underage children. The children of Thomas and Elizabeth were:

(1) Abraham Bland (February 1805 – February 12, 1871) Abraham was born in Clark County Indiana and died of consumption in Union, Hendricks County Indiana. He is buried at the Dansville East cemetery. He was called "one of the really good men of his day and generation." A poem attributed to Abraham, eulogizing his brother James, suggests he had a good sense of rhyme.⁹³ As noted above (page 49) Abraham married his cousin Anna Maria Bland (1809-1869) on May 21, 1831 in Jennings County Indiana. Their nine children are:⁹⁴

(a) Jane Elizabeth Bland (C1832-) was born in Hendricks County Indiana. She is recorded as 26 in the 1860 census.

(b) Isabel Catherine Bland, (C1834/1836-) was born in Hendrick's County Indiana. She is recorded as 16 in the 1850 Census and 24 in the 1860 Census. Isabel married John H. Roach in Hendricks County Indiana, September 10, 1857.⁹⁵

(c) Ruth Ellen Bland (C1836-) Was born in Hendricks County Indiana. is recorded as 22 in the 1860 census. Ruth Ellen married (1st) John Smith and (2nd) George French, June 20, 1870 in Hendricks County Indiana.

(d) Americus Bland (October 8, 1838 – March 27, 1875) was born and died in Hendricks County Indiana. Both he and his wife Rebecca are buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Brownsburg, Hendricks County Indiana. Americus served in the Civil War with Company A, 7th Infantry Regiment of Indiana between April 24 and August 2, 1861. Americus married Rebecca Hunt (November 1843/1844 – 1925) in Hendricks County, December 15, 1866. Americus is identified as a doctor in the 1870 census and in 1880, the widow Rebecca is identified as a teacher. They had two children.

(e) Lucinda A. Bland, (C1840/1841 -) Lucinda was recorded as age 22 in 1870 by a sympathetic census taker. Lucinda was born in Hendricks County Indiana and married Henry Wilson in Hendricks County, March 28, 1869.

(f) Marcus Abraham Bland (1842-1861). Marcus was born and died in Hendricks County Indiana and is buried in the Danville East cemetery.

93 Nicum, pp. 3-4.

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95 Nicum, P. 5, indicates that Isabel continued to live with her parents until the 1870 census, suggesting that the marriage to Mr. Roach may have been annulled.

(g) Lucretia Evaline Bland, (April 12, 1844 – October 1912) was born in Hendricks County and died in Indianapolis, Marion County Indiana. Her body was returned to Hendricks county for burial in the Maple Hill cemetery. Lucretia married John Doan, (September 25, 1838 – February 22, 1910) on December 21, 1861 in Hendricks County. They had eight children.

(h) Mary Emma/Emily Bland (May 1846 – 1920/1930) Mary was born in Hendricks County and died in Indianapolis, Marion County Indiana. She married William E. Duncan in Hendricks County, September 20, 1868 in Hendricks County Indiana. They had eight children.

(i) Mary Lucy Bland (C1846/1848 - 1852)

(2) Mary Bland (June 1807 – November 11, 1903) was born probably in Clark County Indiana and died in Wabash, Tippecanoe County Indiana. Mary married James Ferguson on July 8, 1829 in Crawford County Indiana. They had two children:⁹⁶

(a) John Ferguson (C1830 -) was born in Crawford County Indiana.

(b) Amanda Ferguson (May 1832 - February 26, 1910) Amanda was born in Kentucky and died in Amo Indiana.

(3) William Bland (1811 - between 1880/1900) He was born probably in Clark County Indiana and died in Morgan County Indiana. He married Juliann Ludlow (C1819 -) on December 15, 1849 in Indiana. Children included:⁹⁷

(a) Harriet Bland (C1841 -) born in Indiana. She married Asher Donaldson on January 17, 1860 in Putnam County Indiana, and they are found living with William and Juliann (3 above).

(b) Robert Bland (C1857/1858 -) Born in Indiana.

(c) William Bland (C1859 -) Born in Indiana.

(d) Nancy Bland (C1870 - Born in Indiana.

⁹⁶ Nicum, p. 6. Nicum indicates that James Ferguson died before 1850.

⁹⁷ By 1860, Juliann, courtesy of an admiring census taker, was still 31 but then she aged rapidly to 51 in the hands of a more objective person in 1870. The 1850 census included two children, George (age 11) and Harriet (age 9). Unless William and Juliann had been living together out of wedlock for 10-11 years before their marriage, it would seem that these two children were Juliann's or perhaps William's by a prior marriage. Asher Donaldson (22) and "Hattie" Donaldson (19) appear in the 1860 census living with William and Juliann. The 1860 census also included two Appleby children Anna (9) and Hiram (7). The 1870 census shows two children Robert (13) and William (11). The 1880 census includes Robert again, and Nancy (10).

(4) Hiram Bland (C1815 - Between 1870/1880) was born probably in Jackson County Indiana and died in Hendricks County Indiana. Hiram enlisted as a private in Company C, 107th Indiana Infantry Regiment, and served in the Civil War between July 11 and July 18 (1863) By 1850, Hiram was enumerated in the household of Milam Knox in Indianapolis. Hiram married Phebe Garrison about 1856 in Indianapolis, Marion County Indiana. Their children included:

(a) Emma A. Bland (C1857 -)

(5) Sarah Bland (C1816 -) was born in Jackson County Indiana. She married Milton Appleby (C1816 – November 18, 1858) on June 14, 1844 in Hendricks County Indiana. Their children included:

(a) Martha Appleby (July 1844 – November 25, 1912) was born in Hendricks County Indiana and died in Clay, Hamilton County Indiana. She married George Mason (March 1840 – June 10, 1911) on November 27, 1870 in Hendricks County. They had three children.

(b) Mary Elizabeth Appleby (C1848 – after 1850) was born in Hendricks County Indiana and died before 1860.

(c) Sarah Catherine Appleby (C1848 – July 22, 1883) may have been a twin of Mary Elizabeth. She married Clinton Kouns on December 7, 1865, in Hendricks County where she was born. She died in Union, Boone County Indiana.

(d) Maria Anna Appleby (C1851 – C1891) Maria was born in Hendricks County. She is not identified in the 1900 census and her last child was born in 1891. She married Sidney Smith (May 1850 - after 1900) on October 24, 1871 in Hendricks County. They had six children.

(e) James Appleby (C1852/1854 – after 1930) was born in Hendricks County Indiana. James was said to have been born May 1853 in the 1900 Census, of Union County. He was living in Boone County Indiana in 1930.

(f) Alice Appleby (C1857 – 1937). Alice was born in Hendricks County Indiana and died at Big Springs, Boone County Indiana. She is buried at the Rosston Cemetery. She married John Kouns (June 1855 – July 20, 1927) March 10, 1882. (see below p. 67 (c)). They had five children.⁹⁸

(6) James Bland (August 14, 1821 – January 11, 1851) Was born in Leavenworth, Crawford County Indiana and died of lung fever in Stilesville, Hendricks County.

(7) Ferdinand D. Bland (February 17, 1823 – May 18, 1885) Ferdinand was born in Leavenworth, Crawford County and died in Indianapolis, Marion County Indiana.

⁹⁸ E-mail, Virginia Taylor to Charles L. Bland, June 25, 2008, one of their daughters married Frank Bland (p. 67 (2) Below).

He was known as a Traveling Methodist Minister and in the 1860 census as a "Baptist Preacher." Ferdinand married Mary Marcella Johnson (C1826 – C1852) on March or December 30, 1849 in Marion County. The 1860 census finds Ferdinand living with Sarah A. _____ (September 23, 1823 - October 26, 1884). Ferdinand and Sarah are buried at the Crown Hill Cemetery. Children by Ferdinand and Marcella were:⁹⁹

(a) Marcella A. Bland (C1851 -) Marcella does not appear in the 1870 census. She could have died or married and moved away.

(b) Lucy G. Bland (June 1852 or 1857 – after 1920) was born and died in Indiana. She married William Carl Ferguson (May 1855 -) on September 23, 1875 in Marion County Indiana. Lucy and William had no children.

(8) Martha Ann Bland (C1825 - September 13, 1895) was born in Leavenworth, Crawford County Indiana and died in Center, Marion County Indiana. She was married November 24, 1847, to Rufus Tharp, (November 1823 – April 27, 1902) in Hendricks County. Their first child was born in Iowa. By 1880, the family was living in Prarie, Washington County, Arizona territory. By 1900, Martha was gone and Rufus was living with his son Abraham in Marion County Indiana. Children were:

(a) Ferdinand D. Tharp (C1848 -) Called "Virden" in the 1860 census. Ferdinand married Hattie E. Swope on July 27, 1876 in Hendricks County Indiana. In 1880, Ferdinand and Hattie were living in the household of Mary C. Swope, perhaps Hattie's mother and a passel of other Swopes.

(b) John Tharp

(c) Judson Tharp (C1849/1852 -)

(d) Abraham Tharp (June 1854 – December 21, 1941) was born in Indiana and died in Marion County. He married Mary Alice Lingerman (C1856-1880/1883) on September 29, 1880 in Hamilton County. They had three children.

(e) Rhoda Tharp (C1857 - before 1870)

(e) William Tharp (C1860 – before 1870)

(f) Charles M. Tharp (C1866 – was still living in 1880)

(9) Milton H. Bland (September 6, 1826 - June 23, 1903) was born in Leavenworth, Crawford County Indiana and died in Hamilton County Indiana. He is buried at the Little Eagle Cemetery along with his wife Mary Jane Dunaham.

⁹⁹ The family of Ferdinand Bland is discussed in Nicum, pp. 9-10.

Milton served in the Mexican – American War, enlisted June 17, 1846 at New Albany Indiana in Company 1, 1st regiment of Indiana Volunteers, as a private. His unit served at the Rio Grande River, and he was in Mier and Matamoros Mexico in 1846-1847. He was discharged January 31, 1847. As noted on his pension application, his thumb was amputated because of being “mushed” by a gun hammer. He next served in the Civil War as a Corporal with Company H, 54th Indiana Volunteers from October 17, 1862 or November 8, 1862 to December 8, 1863.¹⁰⁰ He saw service at Chickasaw Bluffs, Vicksburg and New Orleans in the Mississippi Gulf. He mustered out as a Private. Milton’s Pension Application indicates he is 5’ 10”, “sandy” complexion and Auburn hair, with blue eyes. He married Mary Jane Dunaham (December 20, 1833 – January 10, 1913) on August 3, 1850 in Edinburgh, Johnson County Indiana. I am pleased to display a photograph of Mary Jane Dunaham taken about 1900 with a granddaughter Virginia. Children were:¹⁰¹

(a) Mary Ann Bland (October 19, 1851 - June 12, 1916) Was born in Indianapolis, Marion County Indiana and died in Morgan County Indiana. Mary Ann married Levi Nathaniel Ludlow (September 14, 1845 - April 25, 1932) on November 8, 1870 in Hendricks County Indiana.

(b) Martha Bland

(c) Franklin Winfield Bland (January 13, 1854 – May 7, 1946) Was born in Indianapolis and died in Zionsville, Boone County Indiana and is buried at the Little Eagle Cemetery in Lebanon Indiana. Frank went to California in 1876 and cast his first vote there. I am pleased to display a photograph of Frank Bland courtesy of Karen Nicum. He married Emma Kouns (April 1856 - February 21, 1923) on November 3, 1881. They had six children.¹⁰²

(d) Sarah Catherine Bland (May 1, 1856 – 1856).

(e) Julie Bland (December 20, 1857 – 1857)

100 E-Mail, Jennie Anderson to Charles L. Bland June 15, 2008.

101 A notation in the 1900 Census of Hamilton County Indiana indicates that Milton and Mary Jane had five children, three living in 1900.

102 Per e-mail, Virginia Taylor to Charles L. Bland, June 25, 2008. Emma was a daughter of Alice Appleby and John Kouns. Alice Appleby was the daughter of Sarah Bland and Milton Appleby, (above p. 65(f)) . Frank’s daughter Myrtle Anna Bland (December 18, 1883 - March 30, 1939) married Henry Muston December 22, 1906. Her second husband was John Raymond Niccum (October 7 1892 - December 8, 1958) whom she married January 9, 1918. Myrtle married (3rd) Charles Everett Gunther (1883-1954). John Raymond Nicum, (1920-1981) second child of John Raymond Niccum and Myrtle Anna Bland, married Anna Johanna Krauskopf on May 6, 1950. They were parents of my correspondent Karen Nicum. Frank Bland’s son Elmer Clinton Winfield Bland (1887-1964) married Effie Elizabeth Artman on January 4, 1911. They were parents of my correspondent Virginia Bland Taylor. E-mail, Virginia Taylor to Charles L. Bland March 24, 2008.

(f) Ann Bland (December 1858 - 1938) Was born in Johnson County Indiana. She married Robert Marshall Bell (November 1853 - died after 1930) on October 3, 1876.

(g) Child Name Unknown

D. UNNAMED DAUGHTER. This daughter would have been born about 1776, and is accounted for by a third daughter enumerated in the 1790 census.

E. ANN BLAND (C1778-1808), who married William Wilkey (-1818) about 1798. Four children were born of this marriage:

(1) Bateman Wilkey (C1799).

(2) Samuel Wilkey (C1801).

(3) John W. Wilkey (C1803).

(4) Joshua or Josiah Wilkey (C1805).

William Wilkey was one of those sturdy old pioneers who really had a taste for Bland women. After the death of Ann Bland, in 1808, Wilkey married her younger sister Jane Bland (C1787-1870, (See G Below).

F. WILLIAM BLAND (C1786-1828) William was born in Randolph County North Carolina and died in Clark Grant and Clark County Indiana. His dates are approximated by a series of legal traces between 1807-1828, including service as witness to the will of his brother in law William Wilkey in 1818. William married Mary Wilkey.

G. JANE BLAND (C1787-1861/1870) married (1) about 1808, William Wilkey whose first wife was Jane's sister Ann (See E Above) and (2), about 1819, William Kelly (-1852). Jane Bland and her brother Abel were witness to Wilkey's will (Made October 10, 1818 and probated November 14, 1818). The will was also witnessed by William Bland By Wilkey, Jane had six children:

(1) Frances "Fanny" Wilkey (C1809-)

(2) James Wilkey (C1811-), both of whom drowned as children;

(3) Francis Wilkey (C1813-) married Lucy McKinley on March 24, 1837.

(4) Dennis Wilkey (1815-1873) married Rebecca Lucas on May 13, 1841.

(5) Aaron Wilkey (1816-1899) who married on December 17, 1833

Julia Ann Kennedy.¹⁰³

(6) Frederick Wilkey (1818-1880) married Susan Whitman.
Dennis.

H. ABEL BLAND (1788-1863).¹⁰⁴ Abel Bland was born in Randolph County North Carolina. He first appeared as an adult in 1810-1812 in Clark County Indiana and again in the 1820 census for Jackson County, Indiana. Abel married Ann James (C1793-1859) in Henry County Kentucky on October 27, 1808.¹⁰⁵ Abel was in Clark County Indiana by 1810. In 1820, the Jackson County Indiana census shows Abel as aged 26-45 (actually 32), with a son, aged 10- 16, and two sons under ten. Also in his household was a female, aged 26- 45, (Ann James, age 27) and three females under age 10. Abel Bland, then, moved from North Carolina early in the nineteenth century, traveled to Kentucky where he married Ann James, lived until the 1820s in Southern Indiana. By December 29, 1834, Abel had moved to the area that became Red River County Texas in 1836 and engaged in a number of transactions in Texas between 1836-1841. He lived just across the border from Arkansas, where they remained until about 1842, when Abel and Ann moved to Ouichita County Arkansas by 1850 and acted as power of attorney in Lafayette County Arkansas in 1853. Late in his life on September 23, 1860, Abel married Eliza Ann Glover, (1819-). Abel seemed sometimes confused about whether he was in Arkansas or Texas, but spent his last years in Texas. He made his will on January 29, 1863 and it was probated January 17, 1865. Abel Bland's children with Ann James:¹⁰⁶

(1) Benjamin Bland (1809/1810-1859), born in Henry County Kentucky,¹⁰⁷ Benjamin moved to the area that would become Red River County, Texas September 15, 1835.¹⁰⁸ He was at Stamps Township, Lafayette County Arkansas about 1842. He must have been absorbed by the 1852 creation of Columbia County for in 1855 and 1856, Benjamin received a series of Land Grants in

103 Aaron and Julia Ann were the great, great grandparents of Kay Monroe of Sullivan County Indiana.

104 Letter to Charles L. Bland from Kaye Harwell, September 18, 1863, reports a document signed by Emily Angeline Reid, Abel's grand daughter, that he died in 1863 in Hempstead County Arkansas.

105 Marriage license in Midtby File.

106 There is an extended analysis of Abel Bland and his family in AC 19/20, pp. 139-156, esp. 139-141. Cf AC 18, pp. 56-60. Also useful is an analysis by Kay Harwell, Grants Pass, Oregon, September 18,, 1993.

107 According to the 1850 Sevier County Arkansas census , Benjamin was born in Indiana. It is possible of course, but there is pretty good evidence that Abel Bland and Ann James were still in Kentucky when Benjamin was born. By 1820, the Jackson County Census recorded Abel Bland in a household that included one male aged 10-16, undoubtedly Benjamin.

108 Midtby cites Benjamin Bland File 372 in which Benjamin received a head right certificate in the part of Red River County that became Fannin and then Collin County in 1846.

Columbia County totaling 120 acres.¹⁰⁹ Benjamin died in Columbia County. Benjamin was a circuit rider for the ministry. Reportedly, Benjamin was murdered by bushwhackers who took his horse and left his corpse to be discovered by relations. About 1834, Benjamin married a woman whose name is unknown and by her had a son:

(a) Robert H. Bland (C1835 -) Robert was enumerated with Benjamin in the 1850 census of Sevier County Arkansas.

On March 6, 1838 in Hubbard, Red River County Texas, Benjamin married (2nd) Martha Reid, (March 15, 1815 – August 6, 1883) who was born in Indiana and died in Hubbard, Texas. Children of Benjamin Bland and Martha Reid were:¹¹⁰

(b) John Wesley Bland (1839 – May 15, 1862) born at the Red River in Texas and died in the Civil War. John Wesley enlisted and served with Company A of the 19th Arkansas Regiment from February 25, 1862. Vera Bland reported that John Wesley died of measles and pneumonia and is buried at the Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis Tennessee.¹¹¹

(c) George James Bland (January 31, 1841 – February 8, 1905) born in Red River County Texas. George married Mary C. Norwood, (October 31, 1851 – June 30, 1916), on November 29, 1871 George died at Jonesboro, Coryell County Texas They had a family of eight children. The first three children were born in Sevier County Arkansas, the final five in Salado, Bell County Texas:¹¹²

(d) Margaret Bland (January 9, 1843 – January 8, 1928) born in Arkansas. Margaret married George William Kinkard, September 16, 1866.

(e) Joseph Abel Bland (February 24, 1845 – May 25, 1917), born in Arkansas and married Eugenia Fort, October 15, 1866.

(f) Mary Jane Bland (March 1847 – December 1, 1939) born in Stamps, Lafayette County Arkansas and died at Bolton Texas. Mary Jane married Peter Farrell Jarnigan (June 9, 1850 – September 1, 1919) about 1870. Peter operated a limestone mill near Salado Texas, and died of

109 See David Bland, Pasadena California, Op. Cit.

110 1850 Census for Sevier County Arkansas, Madison Township, Dwelling 305, Page 208.

111 Vera's report is found in Midtby, p. 16-D

112 AC 7-1, pp. 21-22 George was the grandfather of Vera Bland (April 24, 1906 – 1986) one of the most prolific Bland historians. George's family is detailed in Eleanor Davis McSwain, The deNorthwode, Norwood Family of Early England and Early Southeast United States (1993), pp. 163-180.

consumption from breathing the dust, according to Vera Bland.¹¹³ Their children were:¹¹⁴

(g) Martha Bland (C1849 – before 1860).

(h) Henry Robert Bland (1851-1867).

(i) Lucinda Adeline Bland (1853-1866). Henry Robert Bland and Lucinda Adeline Bland are buried at the Liberty Church Cemetery in Stamps, Lafayette County.

(2) Elizabeth Bland (June 6, 1810 – April 7, 1870) was born in Henry County Kentucky or Clark County Indiana. She died at Hempstead County Arkansas. Elizabeth married Edward Pennington Talkington (January 27, 1808 – July 4, 1870) on September 9, 1830. Edward died of a heart attack. Their children:¹¹⁵

(a) Joseph Talkington (August 22, 1831 -) was born in Hampstead County Arkansas. He married Rebecca Ann Kirk on February 14, 1861.

(b) Mary Malissa Talkington (December 7, 1832 -) was born in Cane Hill, Washington County Arkansas. She married Benjamin Looney.

(c) James Allen Talkington (March 1, 1834 -) was born in Cane Hill Arkansas. James married (1st) Mary _____ and (2nd) Lavina Harkney Mendenhall on June 12, 1867.

(d) Elizabeth Jane Talkington (March 25, 1836 – November 7, 1897) was born in Cane Hill, Washington County Arkansas. She married James McIlvaine Graves on January 19, 1854.

(e) Stephen Jasper Talkington (March 16, 1838 – January 13, 1863) was born in Cane Hill, Washington County Arkansas. He married Sarah _____. Stephen was killed as a Civil War soldier.

(f) Sarah F. Talkington (February 11, 1840 - April 15, 1903) was born in Cane Hill, Washington County Arkansas and married dr. Granison Royeston Sorrels.

(g) Joel Dyer Talkington (February 6, 1842 -) was born in Cane Hill, Washington County Arkansas. He married (1st) Alameda Jane Edwards

113 Vera Also says that Peter died at age 42. See Midtby, p. 17B.

114 A photograph of Mary Jane Bland and Peter Jarnigan with their family is displayed In AC19/20, p. 144

115 Midtby File, "Talkington Family History" (1977) sent to Jane Midtby by Mrs. B.A. Elliott, Anaheim California. Linda Snyder, Genforum Posting, September 11, 1998.

and (2nd) about 1860, he married Sarah Oliver. He married (3rd) Julia A. Story on November 17, 1898.

(h) Almira B. Talkington (August 21, 1846 – April 5, 1863) was born in Tomlinson, Scott County Arkansas.

(i) Eliza Martin Talkington (October 17, 1848 – March 26, 1864) was born in Tomlinson, Scott County Arkansas.

(j) Lucinda Clementine Talkington (August 16, 1852 – before June 24, 1890) was born in Tomlinson, Scott County Arkansas and married Johnny Clutcher Hart.

(3) Sarah Bland (1812/1813-) born in Indiana. Sarah married (1st) McFarland, about 1832; (2nd) Narbon G. Burnett and (3rd) John Samuel Reid about 1836 in Texas.¹¹⁶ It seems probable that Sarah left Texas for Louisiana by 1850 and then returned to her father in Arkansas. In the 1860 Census for LaGrange, Lafayette County Arkansas, Sarah is shown living with her father Abel Bland and five children:

(a) Samuel Reid (C1839 -)

(b) Emily Angeline Reid (C1843 -)

(c) Harriet Reid (C1845-)

(d) Benjamin Reid (C1847 -)

(e) Chili Reid (C1850 -)

(4) Margaret Bland (C1815 – before 1870)¹¹⁷ Margaret was born in Jackson County Indiana. She married (1st) James Rowland Brown about 1835. James had moved with his family from Virginia to the Arkansas Territory 1818. Margaret Bland and James Rowland Brown had seven children :¹¹⁸

(a) Mary Jane Brown (C1836 -) Born in Sevier County Arkansas.

116 There is some dispute about whether Sarah was Abel's daughter, but she was noted in Abel's will. A second marriage to Narbon Burnett is documented in Kay Harwell to Charles L. Bland, September 18, 1993. A deed dated September 7, 1854 documents that Sarah was once married to N.D. Burnett.

117 Phyllis King to Charles L. Bland, July 10, 2002 states that another researcher claims Margaret died after 1900.

118Ibid. Nancy Ann Brown, daughter of Margaret Bland and James Rowland Brown, and Cornelius Smith are great great great grandparents of Phyllis King. All of the children, according to Phyllis, married and died in Texas, except for Thomas Benjamin Brown, who moved to Oklahoma and is buried there.

(b) James H. Brown (C1838 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

(c) Sarah Elizabeth Brown (C1840 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

(d) Thomas Benjamin Brown (C1842 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

(e) David Tollett Brown (C1845 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas.

(f) Nancy Ann Brown (C1847 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas. Nancy married Cornelius Smith (C1861 -).

(g) Martha C. Brown (C1849 -) born in Sevier County Arkansas. James Rowland Brown died about 1850. Margaret Bland Brown married (2nd) William Wright about 1851.

(h) George Wright (C1852 -) Born in Texas.

(i) Susan E. Wright (C1853 -) born in Texas.

(j) Texana Wright (C1856 -) born in Texas.

(k) I.A. Wright (C1858 -) born in Texas

(5) Preston Bland, (September 26, 1818 – March 11, 1895),¹¹⁹ was born in Jackson County Indiana. Preston moved to Red River County with his father and was sued in 1840. He served in the Mexican-American War and was rewarded by a bounty grant in Oklahoma. He also received a League and Labor of Land in Red River County. He lived in Columbia County Arkansas, where he received two land grants totaling 108 acres in 1857.¹²⁰ Both Jane Midtby and Loetta Conditt write that Preston was a Methodist Minister.¹²¹ Preston married (1st) Mary Reed (November 3, 1820 – March 19, 1853) at Hempstead Arkansas about 1836. Their children were:

(a) Sarah Bland (November 1, 1836-) who married Jim Gurley. She died in Calero Oklahoma. They had four children.

119 Joyce Bradford of Dallas Texas, presents an alternate date for Preston's birth, September 6, 1825. Joyce Bradford to Charles L. Bland August 11, 2001. This date is problematic because a 15 year old boy would not be sued in 1840. Cousin Joyce also lists Preston's wife as Mary Herd rather than Reid, and gives an 1826 birth date rather than 1820.

120 David Bland, Pasadena California, Op. Cit.

121 Loetta Conditt to Charles Bland, August 21, 1999. A photograph of Preston Bland appears in AC 19/20, p. 146.

(b) Josiah McGee Bland (January 19, 1842-) Josiah was born in Jefferson County Arkansas, near Little Rock. Josiah was a Civil War veteran who became a doctor. He married Nancy A. Glover in Hempstead County Arkansas on November 8, 1865.

(c) Ann Bland (October 29, 1845-) born in Saline County Arkansas, married (1st) S. Jones Glover and (2nd) Franklin Gurley.

(d) Frances Bland (C1847-after 1889). Frances married Daniel J. Grounds about 1869 and they lived in Saratoga Arkansas. They had four children.

(e) Caroline Bland (March 8, 1850 – October 8, 1928) who was born in Codd's Parish Louisiana and died in Sulpher, Murray County Oklahoma. She is buried at Durant in Bryan County Oklahoma. Caroline married John Henderson Grounds (March 23, 1850 – April 1, 1926) in Arkansas on August 23, 1868. She is buried at Durant Oklahoma, in Bryan County, at the Highland Cemetery.¹²² John Henderson Grounds and Caroline Bland had nine children.¹²³

(f) Mary Bland (C1853-). According to Loetta Conditt Mary married _____ Gurley.¹²⁴

Following the death of Mary Reid, Preston Bland married Eliza Grounds on September 4, 1853. Their children were:¹²⁵

(g) James "Jim" Bland (C1855-).

122 Pat Barke to Charles L. Bland, September 2 and September 6, 1999.

123 A Photo of John Henderson Grounds and Caroline Bland appears in AC 19/20. p 149. The photograph included seven of the nine children. Mary Ann Grounds (1873-1944) who married William Marion Henson, whose son Jim Henson, married Myrtle Johnston. Jim and Myrtle were parents of correspondent Dorothy May Henson Carter Thomas, who died in 1995. Genforum Posting by Linda Snyder, September 11, 1998.

124 Loetta Conditt to Charles L. Bland, August 21, 1999 (marked 1998). Mrs. Conditt indicates that her information was provided by Violet Grounds Thorton, a grand daughter of Caoline Bland Grounds (1850-1928), the fifth child of Preston Bland (1818-1895).

125 Kaye Harwell to Charles L. Bland, September 18, 1993, documents a larger family that includes, Jenry Bland (C1856 _) who married Mariah Boyd October 13, 1877; Margaret Ellen Bland (C1860 - _ who married Charles Hopson on October 30, 1877; A.J. Bland (C1862 -) perhaps the mystery child; and Rebecca Bland (C1865 -) who married A.A. Aaron, December 20, 1883, all these marriages in Hempstead county Arkansas. Re A.J. Bland perhaps he is James There is a theory that Preston and his second wife had a son Andrew Bland (1862 -) but I have never seen a development of the idea, Charles Bland to Jeanne Bland Hardison and Tuesday Perry Rubsman, September 8, 1999. Also Posting by Charles Bland to Genforum, July 18, 1999.

(h) John "Jack" Bland (C1858/1862 -). Loetta Conditt indicated that an unknown brother of Preston and George Washington Bland (1831-1888), had a son named "Jack", but in fact the only "Jack" who presently appears in the Abel Bland line is John "Jack" Bland, the son of Preston. Mrs. Conditt says that Jack had seven children.

(6) John Wesley Bland (1821-) was born in Jackson County Indiana.¹²⁶ John served in the Mexican war and received a bounty grant in Oklahoma. In the interim, he lived in Lafayette County Arkansas, where he received a land grant of forty acres in March 1855.¹²⁷ About 1842 (1st) Sarah ____ (1827-) and had six children:

(a) James Bland (1843-).

(b) Elizabeth Bland (1845-).

(c) John Wesley Bland (1847-died before 1860).

(d) Benjamin Bland (C1849 living in 1885). Benjamin may have been the recipient of a Homestead Act of 1862 land grant in Camden, Ouachita County, Arkansas.¹²⁸

(e) Francis M. Bland (1853-).

(f) Monroe Bland (1855-).

Sarah ____ died, perhaps after the birth of Monroe Bland, and John married (2nd) Saria or Sarah Pipkin (C1829-) on October 18, 1860 in Lafayette County. Sarah was born in Alabama. By Saria/Sarah John W. Bland had:¹²⁹

(g) Martin or Marion A. "Bud" Bland (C1861 -) born in Arkansas.

(h) Tera E. Bland (C1862 -) born in Arkansas.

126 Per David Bland, South Pasadena California, to Charles L. Bland, July 13, 2002, John listed his birthplace as Kentucky in the 1860 census, but this is unlikely because his family had been in Clark grant/county Indiana since 1810.

127 David Bland, South Pasadena California, Op. Cit

128 David Bland, South Pasadena California to Charles Bland, June 18, 2002. Lee Anne Center in an e-mail, February 20, 2008, identified Benjamin Bland (said to be about 36, marrying Jennie Hancock (C1875-) January 8, 1891 in Durant Oklahoma.

129 Kaye Harwell to Charles L. Bland, September 18, 1993. David Bland, South Pasadena California, to Charles L. Bland June 30, 2002 and July 13, 2002. David cites the 1880 Census for Spring Hill in Hempstead County Arkansas and Bobbie Jones McLane, Lafayette County Marriage Records 1828-1907 (1982). The 1880 Census shows that this John was born in Ohio. David also credits his cousin Joe Bland of Indianahoma Oklahoma for information about Charles McKinley Bland and his siblings.

(i) Charles McKinley Bland (July 7, 1865 - May 29, 1957) born in Hope, Hempstead County Arkansas. In the early 1890s, Charles left home and ended up in "G" County Oklahoma Territory (renamed Custer County in November 1896), where he worked as a cattle driver and ranch hand. Charles worked for a man named Robert Wilson, who was killed in a gunfight on August 26, 1897. Charles took over part of Wilson's claim and this gave him the means to marry Emma Bailey (1879-1958) in Custer County on April 27, 1898.¹³⁰ Charles went from farming/ranching to operating a wagon lot (a parking lot for horses) and back to farming at Waldron in Scott County, Arkansas. In the late 1920s, Charles and Emma moved back to Oklahoma, settling in Indianola, in Comanche County, where they lived out their lives. Charles and Emma had nine children.

(j) Aquila "Tuck" Bland (C1868 -) born in Arkansas.

(k) Tranquilla Bland born in Arkansas.

(l) Augustus "Gus" Bland (C1874) Born in Arkansas.

(m) Tucker "Tuck" Bland¹³¹

(7) James Bland, (1822-1847) was born in Jackson County Indiana. James enrolled on June 15, 1846 with Camp I of the Arkansas Cavalry and his enlistment dates from July 1, 1846. He enrolled with his cousin Moses Bland, a descendant of John Bland (C1725-1795) and Margaret Osborne. He served under command of Captain William K. English, for service in the Mexican War on July 1, 1846. He was killed at Sattilo Mexico, February 6, 1847. He died single and intestate.¹³²

(8) Mary Bland (C1830-) was born in Arkansas and was unmarried when her father made his will. She married ___ McKown about 1864.¹³³

(9) George Washington Bland (C1831- September or October 4, 1888) was born in Arkansas. He received land grants in Ouachita County Arkansas in November 1852 and March 1855 for eighty acres.¹³⁴ George enlisted with The 22nd Regiment, Arkansas Infantry (later re-designated the 20th Infantry) from March 1, 1862 to November 27, 1865. He served the Confederacy for a little more than a year before he was captured at the Big Black Bridge near Vicksburg Mississippi on May 17, 1863. By September he was at lookout Point Maryland as a Prisoner of War but was hospitalized the following month. George took the oath of allegiance to the United States January 25, 1864. He

130 A photograph of Charles Bland and Emma Bailey is displayed in AC 19/20, p. 154.

131 The Information displayed here includes contributions from David Bland, South Pasadena California, Ibid and Eric Francis to Charles Bland, March 16, 2001.

132 Midtby, Statement of Military Service by State of Arkansas for James Bland.

133 Midty suggests some caution about Mary who may have been born earlier or may have been born as late as 1836. She was not enumerated with Abel and Ann in the 1850 Census.

134 David Bland, South Pasadena California, Op. Cit.

married (1st) about 1854, Ann Glover (C1832 - 1876) A daughter of Abel Bland's wife Eliza Glover.¹³⁵ George and Eliza had five children:¹³⁶

- (a) Martha Bland (C1855-)
- (b) Mary Ann Bland (C1857-)
- (c) George Washington Bland (C1861 - December 11, 1925)
- (d) Caroline Bland (C1868 -)
- (e) Viola Bland (C1873 -)

George Washington Bland married (2nd) Martha "Marthey" Serena Frazier (C1840 September 5, 1903) on May 17, 1877 and had by her:¹³⁷

- (f) James Preston Bland (September 12, 1877 - March 21, 1939)
- (g) Hattie Bland (C1879 - October 30-1903)
- (e) Martha Bland

(f) Charlie Newton Bland (October 9 1881 - January 11, 1955). Charlie died in Stephenville, Milam County, Texas and is buried at the East memorial Cemetery. He was a Texan all his life. Charlie married Laura Dean Cook (December 18, 1890 - April 17, 1980) on August 19, 1906 at Stephenville, Milam County Texas. They had nine children.

(I) JOHN BLAND (1790-1830) was the youngest son of William Bland and ___Ward. John was born in North Carolina and ended his days in Jennings County Indiana. He married a cousin Mary Bland, (C1793-1857), daughter of John's uncle Benjamin Bland (See Below p. 80 A) on October 9, 1811 in Clark County Indiana, Their children were:

(1) Osborne Bland (1812- February 20, 1882) was born in Clark County Indiana and died in Jennings County, Indiana. He married Mary Ann Clarkson, (C1814-) February 20, 1836. They were married by the Reverend Thomas Bland (1804-1892), (see above, p 56). Mary Ann Clarkson (1814-1882) was born in Kentucky and died in Jennings County Indiana. They had nine children.

¹³⁵ Hardison File, "Reunion Summary May 1994" a brief biography of George Washington Bland.

¹³⁶ Jeanne Bland Hardison to Charles L. Bland, November 13, 1994. Earlier information, kaye harwell to Charles L. Bland September 18, 1993, identifies George's first wife as Mary Ann Fletcher

(C1837 -) whom he married May 3, 1852.

¹³⁷ Marriage date is stated in "reunion Summary May 1994, Hardison File. Martha and many of her children are buried at the Louise Wharton County Cemetery, Texas.

- (a) Nancy Jane Bland (January 17, 1837 – after 1882).
- (b) Thomas Jefferson Bland, (January 17, 1840 - 1918) who married Malissa O. Cole (July 10, 1840 – October 16, 1916) on July 11, 1861.¹³⁸ Thomas served during July and August 1862 in Company B, 9th Indiana, until a series of illnesses led to his discharge. Thomas and Melissa were Methodists, and they had seven children.
- (c) Noah Anderson Bland, (October 1842 - 1925) married Mary Jane King (1855-1929) on October 24, 1872, and they had five children.
- (d) Malvina Bland (1845-), also called Charity or Pheriby, maybe Phoebe, married George W. Smith, September 3, 1863.
- (e) Mary Evelina Bland (1847-1882), married Jolson S Wilson July 16, 1863.
- (f) Martha Ellen Bland (July 14, 1850 - 1883) married George Washington Anderson on January 1, 1867. Martha and George moved to Shelby County Indiana and had a family of eight children.
- (g) Lucretia Bland (C1854-ante1870).
- (h) Luther Osborne Bland, (1854-after 1900) married Eva Chapman or Vines about 1881. Luther and Eva moved to Shelby County Indiana. They had two children. Eva must have died about 1891, for on November 6, 1892, Luther married Eva Jones, by whom he had an additional two children.
- (2) Meredith Bland (February 19, 1813 - November 6, 1881). Meredith was born in Clark County Indiana and died in Jackson County Indiana. In February 23, 1835, Meredith married Priscilla Burge (February 22, 1813 - January 18, 1875). Priscilla was born in Jennings County and died in Minneapolis Minnesota. They had nine children:
- (a) Eliza G. Bland, (November 29, 1836 – October 20, 1912) married Thomas Eubank Hall (March 23, 1839 – January 23, 1908) on March 8, 1860. They had six children.
- (b) George Washington Bland, (October 8, 1840 - 1901). George served in the Indiana Infantry in the Civil War. He married Harriet Painter on September 13, 1866.

138 Melissa was Thomas cousin. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Ruth Cole. Her brother Leonard Cole married Thomas Jefferson Bland's cousin Nancy Bland, daughter of Meredith Bland (1813-1881). A photograph of Malissa appears on AC 10-2, p. 21.

- (c) Nancy Elizabeth Bland, (April 15, 1843 – January 22, 1907) married Leonard W. Cole (December 28, 1837 – January 4, 1909) on March 9, 1865. Reverend Thomas Bland (1804-1892) conducted their wedding. Nancy and Leonard were the parents of six children.¹³⁹
- (d) Mary Jane Bland (March 10, 1845 – December 4, 1864) did not marry.
- (e) Margaret "Maggie" B. Bland, (October 9, 1847 – July 5, 1927) married Zebuloh Tanner (April 7, 1848 – April 30, 1929). They moved to Scipio Indiana and had three children.
- (f) Martha Bland (1849-1860)
- (g) Benjamin M. F. Bland (August 15, 1852 – November 23, 1885).
- (h) Ruth Bland (January 13, 1855 – after 1881) married Andrew Adams July 18, 1878. They moved to DuPont Indiana and they had four children.
- (i) Lucy "Olive" Bland (January 16, 1857-) married Frank A. Whitmore (1856-) on February 16, 1876. They had three children.
- (3) Noah Bland (January 28, 1814 – February 14, 1897)¹⁴⁰ Noah Bland a farmer, was born in Indiana and died at Sharpville, Tipton County Indiana. He married Susannah Hand (1819-1866) on September 15, 1837. They were married in Jennings County Indiana. In 1840, Noah sold his land in Bigger Township, Jennings County in 1840 and moved to Ripley County Indiana. After 1850, Noah and Susannah moved to Sharpville, Tipton County. Noah and Susannah had five children:
- (a) Calvin L. Bland (April 24, 1839 – June 18, 1860).
- (b) Nancy Ellen Bland (June 1, 1841 – January 29, 1904). Nancy married Joseph H. Robinson on September 6, 1856 in Tipton County Indiana. They had one daughter.

139 Children included Harry DeWitt Cole, who married Sarah Ann Williams in September 1907. They were parents of my correspondent the late Jane Cole Midtby.

140 See extended discussion about this line in Ac 13, pp. 81-83. Noah Bland's birth date is established in the Elizabeth Franklin Bland and Olive Elizabeth Bland Broyles Bible Record, courtesy Ann Marie Coady. A land transaction of August 29, 1840 between Noah and Susannah Bland and Benjamin Cole, father in law of Noah's nephew Thomas Jefferson Bland, is instrumental in showing the connection between Noah Bland and the family of John and Mary Bland. Ann Marie Coady to Charles L. Bland January 26-27, July 27 and November 29, 1995.

(c) John C. Bland (August 3, 1843 – November 9, 1861) John served with the Union in the Civil War, Company C, 26th Indiana Volunteers. He was killed in action.

(d) Mary Jane Bland (April 11, 1849 – September 4, 1857).

(e) James Bland (C1858 -)

Following the death of Susannah Hand, Noah remarried to Elizabeth Marshall Franklin (March 28, 1830 - April 11, 1919) on April 2, 1868. Elizabeth was born in Greenbrier County Virginia. Children of the marriage of Noah Bland and Elizabeth Marshall Franklin were:¹⁴¹

(f) Frances Eleanor Bland (February 21, 1869 – June 2, 1961). Eleanor married Lewis Allen Kirtley (1865-1954) on March 6, 1891.¹⁴² They had four children.

(g) Olive Elizabeth Bland (August 29, 1871 – August 7, 1950) Olive married William Thomas Broyles (July 28, 1871 – August 12, 1929) on September 26, 1896. They had six children. A photograph of William Thomas Broyles and Olive Elizabeth Bland is displayed on the next page.¹⁴³

(h) Lucy C. Bland (February 28, 1873 – August 8, 1963) Lucy married Oliver P. Nash (1867 -) on September 22, 1893. Lucy died in Chico California. Lucy was touched by a train, though not fatally. Lucy visited a talkative niece in Kokomo Indiana at age 74. Whilst the niece was driving Lucy around the town, she was talking so much that she neglected to notice that she had turned into the path of a slow moving freight train, which gently struck the car on Lucy's side and pushed it gently down the track a ways. No one was hurt. Lucy married Oliver P. Nash on September 22, 1893. They had three children.¹⁴⁴

141 Family Bible of Franklin Family held by Olive Bland; Marriage Certificate, Noah Bland and Elizabeth Franklin, Hancock County Indiana, April 2, 1868, and death certificate of Elizabeth Bland, April 11, 1919, in file sent by Ann Marie Coady, July 27, 1995. Anne Coady points out that Elizabeth's brother William Franklin married Margaret Needham, a daughter of Silas Needham, a son of Nancy Bland and Bailey Needham (See Below p 90 M). Anne Coady gives alternate dates for Noah's birth as July 19, 1815 and January 28, 1814. Elizabeth Marshall's age at death was 89. A photograph of Noah Bland and Elizabeth Marshall Franklin appears in AC 13, p. 83.

142 This couple were parents to William Franklin Kirtley, who married my late correspondent Hazel Moody Kirtley, AC 10-1, p. 32, AC 10-2, p. 25.

143 One of these children was Cordova Broyles, (1898-1990) the loquacious flirter with trains identified in H, below. Cordova married Lawrence Jansen (1901-1994) and they were parents of my correspondent Anne Marie Jensen Coady.

144 A photograph of Olive Elizabeth Bland (1871-1950) and Lucy V. Bland (1873-1963) appears in AC 15-17, p. 132.



William Thomas Broyles and Olive Elizabeth Bland (page 78 G)
 Courtesy Jane Bland Midtby

(4). Ruth Bland, (1816/1817 – living in 1900) was the fourth child of John and Mary Bland. She married (1st) George Waggoner, December 26, 1833. By Waggoner she had two sons and one daughter. Ruth Bland Waggoner married (2nd) James G. Russell (C1807 - 1870) on September 2, 1841 in Jennings county Indiana. By Russell, Ruth had at least five children including Jacob, Noah, Abraham, and twins Joanna and Josephus.¹⁴⁵

(5). Rhuby/Ruby Bland (August 27, 1822 – August 27, 1895) married (1st) Nicholas McCarty Waggoner January 1839. Ruby had two sons by Waggoner. She married (2nd) Sidney King (1804-1866) in 1846. They had eight children.

(6). Mary Jane Bland (1825-) married Francis M. Denton, April 23, 1853.

J. MARGARETTE OR MARGARETTA BLAND (C1795-after 1860), seventh child of William Bland (C1751-1801) married Walter Morin (Morein, Mourning, Moring) in Sullivan County Indiana, February 4, 1817. Margarett was a seamstress. Margarett and Walter Morin had eight children including Lucinda Moring, second wife of Minor Bland (1818-1879) (See above, p 55 (6)).

2. SARAH "SALLY" BLAND (C1756-) second child Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton.

¹⁴⁵ I am grateful to John Cupp, Smith River California, for information contained in his e-mail to me, September 28, 2007. John's ancestor named above was Abraham Russell.

3. WINIFRED "WINNY" BLAND (C1760 -) third child of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton.

4. FRANCES "FANNY" BLAND (C1764-) fourth child of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton.

5. BENJAMIN BLAND (C1768-) Benjamin was the fifth child and younger of the two known sons of Moses Bland. He was enumerated in the 1790 census in Hillsborough District, Randolph County, North Carolina, living alone, but over sixteen. In 1801, his brother William deeded him 40 acres on Fork Creek in Randolph County. Benjamin married, about 1790, Ruth Blackfiord (C1775-ante1820),¹⁴⁶ In 1800, Benjamin's household shows an adult male and female, both aged 26-45, with a male and female under 10. In the 1810 Census of Randolph County, Benjamin appears with eight children. Benjamin then appeared in 1820 in Jackson County, Indiana. By then, his wife had died and his household was composed of one male under 10, and two females aged 16-26 and 10-16. This would indicate that the male child in the 1800 census was now gone from the household. Benjamin apparently traveled to Indiana via Nelson County Kentucky. Benjamin and Ruth Bland had ten children:

A. MARY BLAND (1793-1857) was born in Randolph County North Carolina and died in Jennings County Indiana. Mary married her cousin John Bland, (C1790-1830) (See above, p. 75 I).

B. WILLIAM BLAND (C1800-ante1860), Born in Randolph County North Carolina, married in Jefferson County Indiana about 1829, Nancy Bland, a daughter of James Bland and Jane Johnston, (see above, p. 57 (6)). They lived in Washington, Perry and Sullivan Counties, Indiana. Their children were:

(1) James Bland (C1830-) Born in Washington County Indiana. James married Rachel (C1833-). Their children were:

(a) Moses E. Bland (C1866-).

(b) Ivy Nettie Bland (September 27, 1869 – November 12, 1937) Ivy married James Albert Bland. (See Below, pp 150-151)

(c) Clara F. Bland (C1872-).

(2) Elizabeth Bland (C1832-) born in Washington County Indiana.

(3) Margaret Bland (C1837-) born in Washington County Indiana.

¹⁴⁶ Jane Midtby indicated a possible maiden name of Ruth was Blackford. Jean Robertson, Oklahoma City Oklahoma, also identifies her as Blackford. Ms. Robertson descends from Benjamin and Ruth's daughter Martha Bland.

(4) Louisa Bland (C1840-) probably born in Perry County Indiana.

(5) Francis N. Bland (C1842- after 1880) probably born in Perry County Indiana and died in Sullivan County. He married a widow, Margaret Lewis on July 19, 1874 and they had:

(a) Frank A. Bland (C1877-) born in Sullivan County Indiana. Frank married and moved his family to Cincinnati Ohio.

(6) John M. Bland (C1846-) probably born in Perry County Indiana.

C. AN UNKNOWN DAUGHTER, accounted in the 1800 census, born before 1800.

D. JOHN BLAND (September 15, 1801 – September 8, 1871) born in Randolph County, North Carolina, John died in Brownstown, Jackson County Indiana. He married Polly (Mary or Martha) Van Cleave (October 6, 1803 – January 22, 1870) about 1821. Their children were:¹⁴⁷

(1) Zulima Bland (September 9, 1823 – December 11, 1900) born in Jackson County Indiana. She married Oscar F. Lowell (May 13, 1818 - March 19, 1900) on March 26, 1841.

(2) Uriah Bland (November 29, 1824 – August 26, 1907) born in Jackson County. About 1846, Uriah married Sarah A. Holton (October 29, 1826 – June 27, 1872) and They had the following children:

(a) Sarah E. Bland (C1847 - after 1907) Married (1st) Solomon Barkman (C1847 – March 21, 1874) on September 7, 1868. She married (2nd) Joseph H. Robbins.¹⁴⁸

(b) Francis H. Bland (January 18, 1849 – September 17, 1881) married Henrietta Robbins about 1875.

(c) Susan H. Bland (C1852 -) married Frank Clark December 25, 1878.

(d) John F. Bland (C1856 – April 22, 1874)

(e) Stiles E. Bland (April 15, 1858 - January 27, 1861)

(f) Elizabeth Bland (March 3, 1860 – September 24, 1878). Elizabeth had a daughter named Magdalene.

¹⁴⁷ Dates and other information contained in family group sheets in Midtby File.

¹⁴⁸ Uriah died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Joseph H. Robbins. Obituary, Midtby File.

(3) James Bland (C1828-ante 1912) born in Jackson County, he married Ann Maria Green on December 20, 1847 in Jackson County.

(4) Ruth Ann Bland (November 27, 1829 – August 27, 1910) born in Jackson County, married James Weathers on October 9, 1847.

(5) Henry L. Bland (C1832- May 8, 1882) born in Jackson County, married (1st) Mary (C1828 -) ___ about 1850 and (2nd) Sidney Early, (C1832 – April 12, 1877) on April 15, 1875. Henry, between his two wives, had eight children.

(a) Zulima Bland (C1851 - after 1912) Married _____ Barkman.

(b) Sarah Bland (C1852 –) Married kuichen Killey on March 5, 1873.

(c) Hetta Bland (C1855 -).

(d) Mary Bland (C1856 -).

(e) Meredith Bland (March 24, 1860 – September 15, 1868).

(f) Amanda Bland (November 30, 1862 - September 3, 1863).

(g) William P. Bland (C1865 -) married Rosa Braden October 17, 1865.

(h) Unnamed Daughter (born and died October 29, 1868)

(i) Laura E. Bland (C1770 -) married Othriel Manurin August 21, 1887. By 1900, this family had four children.

(6) Mary Jane Bland (C1834 – October 1, 1873) born in Jackson County. Mary Jane married Isaac Weathers about 1854. They had four children.

(7) Polly Bland (C1836 - after 1912). Married William Tucker on August 11, 1856.

(8) Hetty "Hetta" Bland (C1838 - after 1912), was born in Jackson County and married Harrison Burrell February 23, 1838 – April 11, 1896) on March 17, 1854. They had four children.

(9) Meredith "Merida" E. Bland (July 22, 1840 – November 7, 1912). Meredith was born in Jackson County. From August 11, 1862 to May 31, 1865, Meredith served with Company K, Indiana Volunteers for the Union during the Civil War. On December 3, 1865, he married Anna Maria George (March 10, 1845 – July 30, 1941) on December 3, 1865. They had seven children:

(a) Wallace Bland (C1867 -) Never married.

- (b) Amanda Bland (April 8, 1869 -) married Louis Colvin about 1897.
- (c) "Blishie" Bland (C1871 - October 1873)
- (d) Unnamed Child (1873-1875).
- (e) Hetta Bland C1875 -) Twin of (f) James married Bruce Heller about 1900.
- (f) James Bland (C1875 -) Twin of (e) Hetta.
- (g) Annette Bland (C1880 -) married Mathies Gossman May 5, 1900.

(10) John Kelly Bland (1843-after 1912), was born in Jackson County. John served with Company H, 24th Indiana Infantry. In 1861, he married Mary ___.

(11) Nancy "Martesia" Bland (February 17, 1845 - January 19, 1919) was born in Jackson County. She married Phillip Rinebold (August 18, 1843 - February 24, 1906) on January 15, 1866. They had ten children.

(12) William W. Bland (C1847- March 11, 1887) was born in Jackson County. William was a fisherman by trade, who died by drowning. He married (1st) Sarah Wright (C1851 - January 18, 1884) on May 26, 1869 and (2nd) Laura Shortridge on March 25, 1880.

E. MARTHA BLAND (1803-1891) born in Randolph County North Carolina, married her cousin the Reverend Thomas Bland (1804-1892), the son of James Bland and Jane Johnston (See above, p 57, (4)).

F. ELIZABETH BLAND (C1805-) born in Randolph County North Carolina, married John P. Curry in Jennings County Indiana November 6, 1830.

G. JANE BLAND (March 2, 1806 - February 1, 1886) was born in Randolph County North Carolina and married John Spaulding (C1808-) in Jennings County Indiana January 6, 1830. They had five children:¹⁴⁹

(1) James L. Spaulding (C1831-).

(2) Meredith Spaulding (C1833-).

(3) George W. Spaulding (February 22, 1834 -)¹⁵⁰ George married Barbara Elizabeth Stillinger on September 20, 1857.

¹⁴⁹ Ac 11-1, p. 35. See AC 10-1, p. 35 for a source that indicates John and Jane were married December 31, 1829.

¹⁵⁰ George W. Spaulding is Phyllis Hurley's great grandfather.

(4) John Franklin Spaulding (C1840 -)

(5) Elizabeth Spaulding (C1845-)

H. NANCY BLAND (C1810 – August 4, 1881) was born in Randolph County North Carolina and died in Tipton County Indiana. She married a cousin Bailey Wesley Needham (April 2, 1813 – November 12, 1889) on December 24, 1839 in Jennings County Indiana. By 1856, the family was in Appanoose County Iowa. As noted (pp. 87-88 L), Bailey Needham was the son of Nancy's aunt Ann Bland and John Needham. Bailey and Nancy had a family of seven known children including:¹⁵¹

(1) Thomas Jefferson Needham (C1840 -) died young.

(2) John Wesley Needham (1841 -) died young.

(3) Moses Fletcher Needham (C1842 -) died young.

(4) Zarilda E. Needham (December 21, 1843 -). Married James Nailes in 1865.

(5) Silas W. Needham (July 16, 1848-).

(6) Emerine Needham (C1849/1850 -) Died before an Iowa census of 1856.

(7) Sarah E. Needham (C1851 – April 12, 1862).

I. RUTH BLAND (September 1, 1814 - December 1, 1902). Was born in Jefferson County Indiana and died at Bethany, Moultrie County Illinois. She married "Waggoner's Lad" William Waggoner (C1808 -) in Jennings County Indiana on April 18, 1834.¹⁵² They had a family of eleven children including many sons and a daughter Mary Ann Waggoner, who married James T. Spaulding in North Vernon Indiana, June 11, 1854. Poor James was a Civil War soldier and died soon after the war. This Mary Ann Waggoner Spaulding is the same Mary Ann Spaulding below (Pp 88-89)

L), who married Bailey Needham.¹⁵³ I am pleased to display a photograph of Ruth Bland Waggoner below:

151 AC 18, pp 11-12. Hardison File, 1856 Ceneus for Appanoose County Iowa. Midtby File, Family Group Sheet. George W. Needham, (C1837-), living with Bailey and Nancy in 1850 and identified in the 1870 census for Appanoose County was Bailey's son by a previous marriage.

152 AC 1-1, p. 7, citing Jennings County Indiana Courthouse, Marriage Book 1, 1829 and Book 1, 1830-1855. Furnished by Jane Midtby.

153 AC 10-1. p. 33 and letter, Phyllis Hurley to Charles L. Bland, July 4, 1993.



Ruth Bland Waggoner (1814-1892)
Courtesy of Jane Bland Midtby

J. MOSES BLAND (January 16, 1815 or 1819 – September 18, 1873).¹⁵⁴ Moses Bland was born 1819 in Jackson County Indiana and married Martha Needham (March 28, 1808-1895) on March 15, 1837 in Bartholomew County Indiana. Martha was a cousin of Moses, the daughter of Ann Bland and John Needham, (See Below, p. 89 J)¹⁵⁵ Moses Bland was born in Jackson County Indiana and died in Linn County, Oregon. The very interesting story of Moses Bland's and Martha Needham's six month journey by wagon train across the plains to Oregon in 1851 has been previously told.¹⁵⁶ Moses and Martha first settled at Willamette Valley and then moved to Lebanon Oregon, where they received a donation grant of 305 acres. Martha's obituary notice indicated that she had six children, but census records only recorded three:¹⁵⁷

¹⁵⁴ In addition to previously used sources, I received in Fall 1991, from the publishers of Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery (1991), information regarding Moses Bland and Martha Needham and their family.

¹⁵⁵ The marriage record shows that Martha was born March 28, 1808 which seems a more accurate date, though the 1850 Census shows she was born in 1814. Nobody ever said Martha had to tell the unvarnished truth to a stranger.

¹⁵⁶ VU p. 364

¹⁵⁷ A recollection by a grandson, William Anderson Bland, was that when Moses and Martha left Indiana, they left some children behind, (AC 3-2, pp. 39-40) The Lebanon Pioneer Cemetery reprinted an obituary published in the Lebanon Express (July 26, 1895). It indicates Moses and Martha had six children.

(1) George Hester Bland, (November 9, 1840 – February 25, 1905) was born in Indiana, and died in Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon in 1905. George married (1st), Barbara A. Leedy (1843-1864) on May 15, 1862. They had one child:

(a) William A. Bland (1863-) who later moved to Colorado. William married Minnie May Rohrer.

After Barbara Leedy's death, George Hester Bland married (2nd) on January 4, 1866, Clara M. Powell (1848-1897). Clara's obituary indicates she died of blood poisoning George Hester Bland and Clara M. Powell had four children:

(b) Matilda Olive Bland, who married John Myler or Miller.

(c) Minnie Lida Bland, who married Marion Needham.

(d) Samantha Ruby Bland, (1878-) who married Dan W. Lawrence.

(e) Clara Pearl Bland who married Loffie E. Arnold and lived with him in Lebanon Oregon.

(f and g) There were two other children, names unknown.

(2) Samantha Bland, (July 17, 1843 – July 26, 1904), was born in Lebanon, Oregon. She married Ambrose Powell on February 25, 1864.

(3) John Wesley Bland, (May 4, 1846 – March 2, 1923). John Wesley Bland worked as a farmer and carpenter. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A Nephew, William Anderson Bland, recollected that in 1872 or 1873, John's brother Moses bought land just south of Lebanon Oregon and divided it with John Wesley Bland.¹⁵⁸ John married, on September 28, 1865, Elizabeth Jane Powell. The children of this marriage were:

(a) Lillie Frances Bland, (-ante1903). Lillie married twice, to Dexter Harris and Charles Blodgett.

(b) Merida Pete or Meredith Bland, who married Laura Connett.

(c) Saloma Bland, who married Homer Osburne.

(d) Carrie Bland, who married William Calkins.

(e) Lucy Bland.

(f) Charles Bland

¹⁵⁸ Lebanon Cemetery Pioneer, citing Leslie L. Haskin et. al., Pioneer Stories of Linn County Oregon Volume 1, (1984).

(g) Mae Bland.

6. MARGARET "PEGGY" BLAND the sixth child of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton, married William Needham on October 25, 1786.

7. CATHERINE "CATY" BLAND (C1772/1774-1816) Was born in Guilford County North Carolina and died in Clark County Indiana. About 1788 Catherine married William Lawrence, (December 30, 1764 - July 12, 1822) son of John Lawrence and Anne Needham Lawrence. They moved to New Washington, Clark County Indiana. Phyllis Goff of Redwood City California informed me that Catherine and William were in Washington County Kentucky until about 1815, closely related to the Washington and Nelson County Kentucky Blands and Lawrences, who also intermarried. Thomas Morton Bland (C1772-1833) married Ann Lawrence probably in the early 1790's. Children of William Lawrence and Caty Bland lived in Clark, Jackson and Jennings Counties in Indiana. ¹⁵⁹

A. "WINNIE", WINIFRED LAWRENCE (March 23, 1790 – October 10, 1865) was born in Randolph County North Carolina and died in Jackson County Indiana. About 1810, she married Thomas Needham (February 22, 1789 – October 12, 1862). Jane Midtby's file states that they had "several sons" including one who was identified: ¹⁶⁰

(1) William Needham (November 11, 1810 – March 28, 1894) who about 1830, married Mary Beard (April 9, 1811 - July 21, 1855).

(2) Noah Needham (January 7, 1816 – March 31, 1870) married Malinda Beard (April 9, 1822 – 1895) about 1838.

B. JANE "JENNY" LAWRENCE (March 18, 1792 - 1870) born in Randolph County North Carolina and died in Clark County Indiana. Jenny married May 17, 1818, to John Scott and they had nine children.

C. JOHN J. LAWRENCE (March 19, 1796 – June 15, 1870) John was born in Randolph County North Carolina and died in Jennings County Indiana. About 1817, John married Ruth Jane Hutchinson (1799-1879). They had eight children

D. MARY "POLLY" LAWRENCE (C1802-) married Andrew Bower Jr. in Clark County Indiana, December 22, 1820.

E. MARGARET "PEGGY" LAWRENCE (C1808-) married Quiller Hutchings in Clark County Indiana on September 15, 1824.

8. ANN "NANCY" BLAND (C1774-1855) the eighth child of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton was born in Guilford County North Carolina and died in Tipton County Indiana.

159 Ac21-23, pp. 143-159. Dates for William Lawrence in Genforum posting, September 26, 2003, posted by Richard Brunt.

160 Midtby File, "Thomas Needham"

About 1789, Nancy Bland married John Needham (C1769-1850) of Randolph County North Carolina. They were married in Henry County Kentucky. Ann Bland and John Needham had a family of thirteen children, including:

A. WILLIAM NEEDHAM (1790 -), born in North Carolina and died in Ripley County Indiana. He married at Henry County Kentucky, "Polly" Bland, on October 22, 1812. Polly was the eldest daughter of James Bland and Jane Johnston (See above, 55 (1)).

B. MOSES NEEDHAM (C1792-). Was born in North Carolina.

C. LOUIS OR LEWIS NEEDHAM (1794 -) was born in North Carolina and died in Red River County Texas. He married Frances Smith March 14, 1824 in Bartholomew County Indiana.

D. KATHERINE "KATY" NEEDHAM (1797 -) was born in Randolph County North Carolina. She married Thomas Doty.

E. WESLEY NEEDHAM (C1799) born in North Carolina and died in Iowa.¹⁶¹

F. ENOCH NEEDHAM (1801 -) was born in Randolph County North Carolina. He married August 17, 1823 to Lucretia Spaulding

G. MARY NEEDHAM (C1803-after 1850), never married.

H. NATHAN NEEDHAM (1805-1836) Nathan was born in Randolph County North Carolina in his will was made out August 5, 1836 and probated November 15, 1836 in Jennings County Indiana, where he married Nancy Johnson December 24, 1828.

I. SALLY NEEDHAM (1807 -) was born in North Carolina. She married Joseph Spaulding in Indiana, February 9, 1826.

J. MARTHA "PATSY" NEEDHAM (1808-1895) Martha was born in Randolph County North Carolina and died in Linn County Oregon. She married Moses Bland (1819-1873) on March 15, 1837 in Bartholomew County Indiana. (See above, p. 85J).

K. JONATHAN NEEDHAM (1810-1892) married Sally Grashaw in Ripley County Indiana in 1834 and moved to Oregon with his sister Martha and her husband Moses Bland.

L. BAILEY NEEDHAM (April 2, 1813 – November 12, 1889) Born and died in Indiana. Bailey married (1st) Zerilda Holman (C1815 – December 1838) in 1836. They had one child, George M. Needham. Bailey married (2nd) Nancy Bland (C1810 - August 4, 1881) on December 24, 1839, (see above, p 85 H). They lived in Jennings County Indiana after 1815, but later were located in Appanoose County Iowa in an 1856 Census. Their children Zerilda

¹⁶¹ Information about Moses and Wesley Needham derive from an interview with their father John Needham when he was 82. Nothing more is known of them.

Needham (December 21, 1843-) and Silas M. Needham (July 16, 1848-) were still living, but a daughter Emerine was not, suggesting that she died before 1856. Another daughter, Sarah E. Needham, (1851-April 12, 1862) was listed. After the death of Nancy Bland, it appears that Bailey had another go at it, marrying (3rd) Mary A Spaulding on August 22, 1883 in North Vernon Indiana (See above pp. 84 I).¹⁶²

M. SILAS NEEDHAM (May 22, 1816 - C1898) born in Jennings County Indiana and is buried in Tipton County Indiana. Silas married (1st) Emerine Jane Holman (July 12, 1815 - April 17, 1879) in 1836, and they had six children. Silas married (2nd) Nancy A. Kelly in 1887.¹⁶³

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS BLAND (1719-1788) 25A6D

William Thomas Bland (November 3, 1861 - January 24, 1928) was the son of William John Bland (November 10, 1816 - February 17, 1897) and Columbia Ann Madison Duncan, eldest son of Thomas Bland (January 19, 1793 - July 11, 1867) a soldier in the War of 1812, and grandson of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) founder of line 25A6D. These are all part of the family that settled in Weston, Lewis County Virginia/West Virginia.

William Thomas Bland was born in Weston Virginia/West Virginia and died in Orlando Florida. He graduated from the University of West Virginia and from the University Law School in 1884. moved from West Virginia to Atchison Kansas, a Republican County, where he won an election for county attorney in 1890, even though he was a Democrat and he won the office of mayor of Atchison in 1892 by a vote margin of two, though he was done out of the job by the local Republicans. He was elected District Judge in 1895 and remained in that post until he resigned in 1901. He worked in the drug business for a few years and moved the business to and Kansas City Missouri in 1904 and worked there until 1917, when he went into banking. He was chairman of the Kansas City River and Harbor Improvement Commission from 1909-1918 and was vice president 1912-1918 of the Mississippi Valley Waterway Association and the Kansas City Board of education. In 1918, he ran as a Democrat and was elected and served a term as United States Congressman, Sixty Sixth Congress, Missouri Fifth District from 1919-1921. He failed at re-election and moved to Orlando where he spent the remainder of his life. About 1891 William married Birdie Helen McPike (1868-1944) and they had a single child also named William Thomas Bland (1894 -). I am pleased to display below a drawing of William Thomas Bland on the next page.¹⁶⁴

¹⁶² AC 10-1, p. 36. Midtby File, contains a brief Biography of Bailey Needham, "1878 History of Appanoose County Iowa" sent to Jane Midtby by Phyllis Hurley February 1995.

¹⁶³ There is a tribute to Silas Needham in History of Cass, Miami, Howard and Tipton Counties (1898) p. 915. Midtby file.

¹⁶⁴ VU, pp. 377ff, esp. 383-385. "Bland its new president" Kansas City Star, October 6, 1909; Biographical Directory of the United States Congress "Bland, William Thomas, 1861-1928".



William Thomas Bland (1861-1928)
Kansas City Star, October 6, 1909

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BLAND (C1725-1795) 25A6E

1. **OSBORNE BLAND** (C1748-1828) Osborne was the eldest son of John Bland (C1725-1795) and Margaret Osborne. Primarily here, I am concerned to penetrate to what now appears to be Osborne's oldest son

A. **OSBORNE BLAND JR.** (C1774 – February 5, 1849), and to Osborne Jr.'s son:

(1) **John Bland** (C1807-1840) John Married Mary Jane Jincy Mahan (C1807 - 1894) and lived with her in Clark County, Illinois until John's death about 1840. Following John's death Jincy took her children and moved to Greene County Indiana, where she was close to Osborne Bland Jr. and his wife patsy Donahoo. Jincy married William Warren (C1805 -) on June 14, 1844 in Greene County. Jincy and her children by John are found in the 1850 census in William Warren's household named as: ¹⁶⁵

(a) **Elizabeth Bland** (C1834 -)

¹⁶⁵ AC 13, p. 45, and 1850 Census of Greene County Indiana, Page 322, Family 208. .

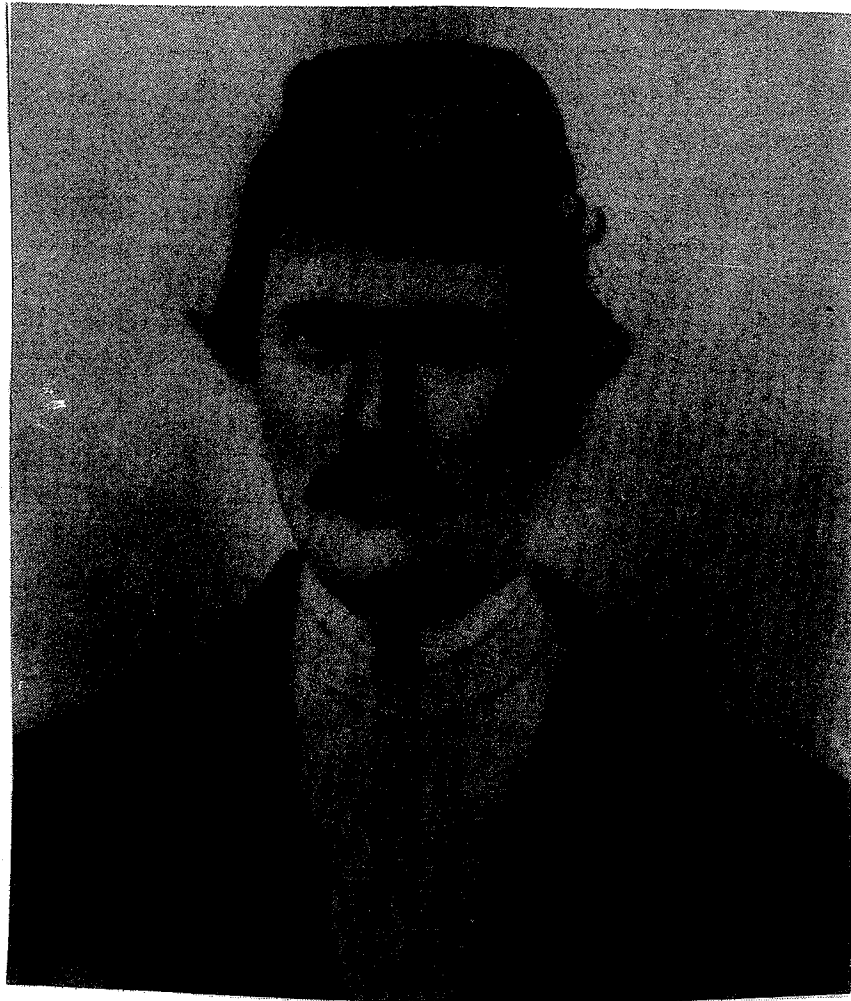
(b) James Bland (C1836 -) who appears in the 1860 census aged 24, married to "Lidda" or Lydia Fuller (C1840-) whom he married in Greene County on January 19, 1858.¹⁶⁶

(c) John Allen Bland (C1837 - C1865) This man takes on a special interest because of an attempt by a correspondent Murrel W. Bland, Kansas City Kansas, to place him in the family of Abel Bland's son John Wesley Bland (above, p. 74 (6)). There is, however, no evidence that Abel Bland and his family ever lived in Clark County Illinois. He lived in Clark County *Indiana* for a time and then to Jackson County Indiana but by the time John Allen Bland was born, Abel and his family were in Texas on the Arkansas border. Further, Abel's son John Wesley Bland, (C1821-1863) the man in whose family Murrel Bland attempted to place his ancestor, already had a John Bland and it is just impractical to think that there would be two John Bland's in the same family and same generation. It would be very easy to miss the existence of John and Jincy Mahan Bland in Clark County Illinois and for Jincy back in Green County, where her identity was merged into life with William Warren. The fact that some research has already been done on this family by Jean Engle of Enid Oklahoma, makes the connection easier.

Murrel Bland calls him John A. Bland and says he was born in 1837 in Clark County Illinois and "there is no apparent record of his parents."¹⁶⁷ John was born in Clark County Illinois and died in Moultrie County Illinois. John was a private for the Illinois infantry Volunteers Company H, 18th Regiment. He enlisted March 1, 1865 and was discharged August 23, 1865 at St. Louis Missouri. He was described as 5'7", dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair. In civilian life, John was a farmer. John married Mary Ellen Hoyle (August 25, 1840 - October 26, 1900) about 1863. Mary Ellen was born in Pennsylvania and died of cancer in Lacey, Kingfisher County Oklahoma. After John's death, Mary Ellen married Wesley Holston. They moved to the Oklahoma Territory about 1889. I am pleased to display a photograph of John Allen Bland on page 92) Their children were:

166 Jean Engle to Charles L. Bland, December 31, 1998. AC 13, p. 45; AC 15-17, pp. 54-56.

167 Murrel Wesley Bland to Charles L. Bland, June 3, 2007, with a pamphlet, by Murrel W. Bland, ed. An Autobiography of Elmer Wesley Bland(1977) hereafter called Elmer Bland.



John Allen Bland (1837-1865)
From An Autobiography of Elmer Wesley Bland

(c1) Francis Marion Bland (August 8, 1865 – June 7 – 1939) born in Lovington, Moultrie County Illinois, left home at age 12. He stayed close to his home until 1884, when he and a half-brother W.R. Holston and Holston's wife migrated by covered wagon to Wichita Kansas. Francis married Mary Alice White (March 22, 1864 -) on November 12, 1884. They lived in Haysville Kansas until August 1886. They migrated to Grant County in Western Kansas and remained there from 1886-1889. Then they returned to Haysville and remained there until October 1894, when they moved to the Cherokee Strip in Woods County Kansas. I am pleased to display a photograph of Francis Marion Bland and Mary Alice White, with their son Elmer Wesley Bland on page 93.



Francis Marion Bland, Elmer Wesley Bland, and Mary Alice White
From: An Autobiography of Elmer Wesley Bland p. 7

The three children of Francis Marion Bland and Mary Alice White included:
Their three children included:

(c1a) Elmer Wesley Bland (June 8, 1886 – February 1985) Elmer was born in Haysville, Sedgwick County Kansas and died in Oklahoma. He married Osa Alma Tate (July 16, 1890 – January 12, 1975) on the Ides of March, March 15, 1911, in Cordell, Washita County Oklahoma. Osa was born in Fair Play, Polk County Oklahoma and died in Enid, Garfield Oklahoma. I am pleased to display below a photograph of Elmer Wesley Bland and Osa Ala Tate on their wedding day. ¹⁶⁸



Elmer Wesley Bland and Osa Alma Tate
March 15, 1911

¹⁶⁸ Including Clyde Murrel Bland (1916-1983 who married Tennyson Irene Welty. They were parents of my correspondent, Murrel Wesley Bland

(d) Moses Bland (C1840 -)

B. DANIEL BLAND (C1784-1849) Cousin Bruce Russell wrote regarding his ancestor Malinda Evaline Bland (March 1827 - 1908) Malinda was born in Arkansas and died is buried in Galt California. She is buried near a woman named Catherine Bland who died in 1927. Malinda married William Russell (December 1, 1818 – June 8, 1903). William was born in Kentucky and died in Paskenta, Tehama County California.

In 1840 Willam Russell and his brothers were living in Conway County Arkansas, near Daniel Bland (1784-1849). Joyce Bland McCool expresses confidence that Malinda is the heretofore, “unknown female” born about 1825-1830 in Daniel Bland’s line. Their first child was born in Pulaski County Arkansas in 1843 and by 1850, this couple was in Marion, Crawford County Arkansas. They left Arkansas for California in 1854. Malinda is found in the 1900 Census of Yolo County California, age 73 with eight children born in Arkansas. William and Malinda had a daughter Emeline Bland (1852-1919) who married Lester S. Vertrees, in California. Cousin Russell however discloses that the last child born to William Russell and Malinda Bland was Radford Bland Russell. William Russell and Malinda Bland were separated or divorced after 1880. Considering also, that Malinda is a popular name in this family, this would seem to tilt location for Malinda into the more likely possibility of being a daughter of Daniel Bland (C1784-1849).¹⁶⁹

2. JOHN BLAND (C1752-1836) John was the second son of John Bland and Margaret Osborne. Here we are concerned with the younger John’s elder son:

A. 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. Of principle interest here is the elder son of Thomas Morton Bland and Ann Lawrence:

(1) William Lawrence Bland (December 21, 1794 – February 15, 1871) William , the second son of Thomas Morton Bland and Ann Lawrence, married Maria Wilson (April 12, 1801 – November 10, 1885) on August 22, 1818. 170 Maria was daughter of

169 E-Mails, Bruce Russell to Charles L. Bland May 6-7, 2008, and Joyce Bland McCool and Bruce Russell to Charles L. Bland, July 16, 2008, AC 13, pp. 48-52; AC 15-17, pp 60ff; AC 18, pp. 66ff. Several of the elder Osborne Bland’s sons lived in this area, Pulaski, Crawford, Conway Counties Arkansas. In order of birth, Jesse, (1778-1843), Moses, (1780-1868) or Daniel (C1784-1849) could have been father or possibly grandfather to a woman born in 1827, especially named Malinda. Another possibility would be the line of William Lawrence Bland and Mariah Wilson, below pp _____ which feature several intermarriages in Kentucky with the Russell family and also some migrations to California, AC 21-23, pp. 143-159.

170 Ibid. The House of Wilson states that Mariah Wilson Bland died in 1897 at age 96 AC 21-23, pp. 146-148. . e-mails from Bill Clark and Jennie Anderson to Charles L. Bland, June 15, 2008. Mariah’s birthdate was determined from her mother’s application for a

Josiah Wilson of Washington County Kentucky, married William Bland, "son of Thomas" on August 22, 1818. 171 The new dates and name information replace the heretofore accepted William Lewis Bland (1794-1875) and Mariah Wilson (1802-1898) and is the result of tombstones found and still clearly legible at the Brown Cemetery in Green County Kentucky, by a correspondent Bill Clark and transmitted to me by a correspondent Jennie Anderson. William Bland is said to have had a large property near Webbs Kentucky on the Green River, adjoining the land of Berry Carter. William Bland and Berry Carter operated a tannery, had several slaves and were said to have become wealthy. 172 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 seven children, including for this issue, critical information about a new daughter (b below) and a newly discovered grand daughter who was the new daughter's namesake: ¹⁷³

(a) 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. 174 According to House of Wilson, Josiah first "married Berry Carter's only daughter" 175 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. 176 Josiah and Sarah lived in

military pension as a widow of a Revolutionary War soldier.

171 Bland-Menaugh, "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky," p. 170.

172 The House of Wilson, p. 72.

173 This new information is found in two E-mails Travis tuell to Charles L. Bland, April 21 and 24, 2007, which lay out new and well documented information for both the new daughter Emily Bland Upton, but also a grand daughter Emily Upton Bland. Critical information is the 1830 Census for William Bland in Washington County Kentucky, in which his household includes: 1 male 0-5 (Thomas Milton Bland, age 3); 1 male 5-10 (Josiah Wilson Bland, age 10); 1 male 30-40 (William Lawrence Bland, age 36); 1 female 20-30 (Maria, age 29; 1 female 10-15 (Unknown); one female age 5-10 (Emily Bland, age 9.

174 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 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.

175 Virginia Cox to Charles L. Bland, November 3, 1995, called Sarah's parents "Little Berry Carter and Harriet Wilson." Nancy C. Bland lived in the household of Little Berry Carter at the time of the 1850 census.

176 Marriage Bond, Josiah W. Bland and Sara E. Carter, September 15, 1846.

Hart County Kentucky. She and Josiah had together three children, all born in Green County Kentucky. : 177

(a1) William Berry Carter Bland (C1848 - 1869)

(a2) Nancy C. Bland (C1850 -) married James R. Walton. 178

(a3) Emily Upton Bland (August 11, 1851 – February 7, 1937. Possibly the namesake of her aunt Emily Upton Bland (b below) Emily was born in Green County Kentucky and died in Indiana. She married George Washington Russell on January 3, 1867. in Green County Kentucky.

(a4) Unknown female child married George Russell.

(b) Emily Bland (C1821/1822 -) married John Upton in Hardin County Kentucky on January 23, 1837.

(2) MILTON BLAND (July 10, 1806 - November 25, 1863). Milton, the fourth son and eighth child of Thomas Morton Bland and Ann Lawrence is buried in Pilot Knob Cemetery, Simpson County Kentucky. He married Almira Kennerly (not as heretofore Kendley) (January 7, 1808 - February 28, 1883) in Mercer County on February 7, 1832. Both Milton and Almira were born in Lincoln County Kentucky. At least for a time in 1833-1836, Milton and Almira were in Warren County Kentucky. Milton and Almira had three children.¹⁷⁹

B. JOHN BLAND (1774-1825)¹⁸⁰ married Nancy Edmonston (- after 1839) March 15, 1796 in Washington County Kentucky.¹⁸¹ In an entry in Washington County Records John

177 E-Mails, Trevis Tuell to Charles L. Bland, April 21 and 24, 2007. AC 21-23, pp. 148-149.

178 Children were: Lena Walton (C1869 -) Carter W. Walton (C1872 - ; William Walton (C1874 -); Albert M. Walton (C1878 -)

179 E-Mail, Penny Athey to Bland/rootsweb, July 12, 2008. 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.

180 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. Documents provided by Marsha Liston Bradshaw suggest that John may have died as early as 1816.

181 Bland-Menaugh "Marriages at Springfield Kentucky", p. 12. Patty Edmonston was

Bland in 1806 is named guardian of an orphan, James Edmonston. In 1807, Thomas Morton Bland 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.¹⁸² A Marion County Kentucky deed of September 4, 1839 between William Wright and his wife Susan Bland (1 below) and John B. Bland, establishes that the latter as the deceased father of Susan Bland Wright and refers to an address where Nancy Edmonston Bland lives. The following is concerned with new information about two of John and Nancy's seven known children:

(1) MARTHA "PATSY" BLAND (C1807 -) Martha married Joseph Liston in Washington County May 23, 1826 and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois in sometime after 1839.¹⁸³

(2) SUSAN OR SUSANNAH BLAND (- C1861) married William Wright on April 16, 1827 in Washington County Kentucky and about 1837 moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois. There, Mr. Wright became a farmer, livery man, dry goods salesman real estate and other businesses and joined the Methodist Church. William was a successful man, the 1870 census lists his worth as \$58,000. William Wright married the widow Delilah Hankins on December 24, 1862, signaling the likely death of Susan Bland about 1861.¹⁸⁴ The 1840 census for Macoupin County shows a son and daughter, each aged 10-5, but both are gone from the household by 1850.

3. ISAAC BLAND (C1756 - MARCH 8, 1820) Very little is known about Isaac, primarily because he has lacked interested researchers. New research shared with me by Catheron Upson of Borger Texas has been quite welcome. What we know at the outset is that Isaac was, according to the order of his name in his father's will, the fourth son, thus born about 1756. He sold 200 acres on Simpson's Creek in Nelson County Kentucky in 1807. He participated as a signatory in the suit by his siblings against Cuthbert Harrison in 1812.¹⁸⁵

witness. E-mail, Marsha Liston Bradshaw to Charles L. Bland, September 28, 2007, conveys the original marriage record.

182 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.

183 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 Bland and Redmond Preuit, (p. 30, N. 88 above).

184 Ibid. Also, Maguire, Washington County Marriage Records: 1826-1835 p. 8.

185 VU, pp. 458-459. Betty Turpin, pointed out that Isaac was not on the tithable lists for Nelson Count 1785-1790 and thus may not have been 21 by 1790. Turpin History, p. 1. Isaac Bland deeded 202 acres on Simpson's creek in Nelson County to Daniel Bland, March 20, 1807. Deed Book 7, Page 615, Bland-Menaugh; 2Ac 4-2, pp. 29-30, AC 13, p. 67.

Isaac served as a Private in the War of 1812, in The Hinds Battalion Cavalry of Mississippi.¹⁸⁶ A will is filed for Isaac in Claiborne County Mississippi on March 8, 1820. In his will he deposed his property to his wife Jane McKee and to a son Maxwell Washington Bland.¹⁸⁷ A census for 1816 in Claiborne County enumerates Isaac and Jane, both over twenty one and a son, aged less than five. Later evidence fixes Maxwell Washington's birth year as 1815 or 1816. So Isaac has dates of about 1756-1820, left Nelson County Kentucky for Claiborne County Mississippi about 1813 and married Jane McKee there about 1814. Their single known child was:¹⁸⁸

A. MAXWELL WASHINGTON BLAND (C1815/1816 – January 29, 1870) Maxwell was born in Claiborne County Mississippi and died in Yazoo City Mississippi. He received from his step-father, Ira Walton, slightly less than 160 acres of land that had been assigned in his father's will on April 1, 1825. He also held seven slaves in Yazoo County in the Census of 1860.¹⁸⁹ He owned Point Pleasant and Aurora plantations. He married (1st) Emaline Evans Douglass (C1811- August 2, 1849) on February 11, 1841 in Claiborne County Mississippi and second Mary _____ about 1851 in Claiborne County Mississippi. Emaline was a widow, previously married to James Douglass and mother of George Douglass, who was living with Maxwell Washington Bland when he was enumerated in the 1850 Census. Maxwell and Emaline parents of three children, including:¹⁹⁰

(1) Lucian Bland (February 15, 1842 – August 13, 1910) Lucian was born in Lake Dawson Mississippi and died at the Buckridge Plantation in Tensas Parish Louisiana which he had purchased from his mother in law. Lucian married Rose Russell Rollins (December 5, 1847 – November 14, 1926) on May 11, 1865 in Port Gibson Mississippi. They had ten children, including:

(a) Maxwell Washington Bland (January 8, 1866 – April 14, 1941) was born in Tensas Parish Louisiana and died in New Orleans, Orleans Parish Louisiana.¹⁹¹ He married Sophie Moore Whitney (January 22, 1872 –

186 Mississippi State Archives Collections.

187 "Descendants of Isaac Bland" Upson File, includes a copy of Isaac's will, in which he also provides instructions for disposition of seven negro slaves: Tom and little Tom, Sampson, Mary, Anable, Alfred and Edd. Isaac's will was probated May 27, 1820. Jane McKee Bland remarried to Ira D. Walton on June 13, 1822. Upson File, Marriages in Claiborne County Mississippi. Catheron Upson provided additional useful information in E-Mail, Catheron Upson to Charles Bland July 10, 2008.

188 E-mail, Catheron Upson to Charles L. Bland, October 30, 2007. Catheron also sent me a package of documents, which I will hereafter refer to as Upson File.

189 Upson File, Mississippi Land Records, October 1, 1825.

190 "Descendants of Isaac Bland" in Upson File, is mostly devoted to the line of Maxwell Washington Bland (C1815-1870. Includes Marriages in Claiborne County Mississippi and Mississippi Marriages 1776-1935.

191 Upson File, Death Certificate for Maxwell Washington Bland and death Certificate for Sophie Whitney Bland. Mississippi Marriages, 1776-1935, marriage of Maxwell Washington Bland and Sophie Whitney.

March 28, 1948) on September 18, 1895 in Jefferson County Mississippi. Maxwell and Sophie had a family of seven.¹⁹²

(b) Lucy Rose Bland (1868-1941) married Pleasant Lawson Ferguson (1887-1931) on June 29, 1909.

(c) Lucian D. Bland (1869 - August 21, 1935) Lucian became a dentist. He married Lena Louise Walsh (C1875-1946).¹⁹³ At the time of his death, Lucian lived in New Orleans, Orleans Parish Louisiana.

(d) Mary Emaline Bland (1871 -)

(e) Rose Ella Bland (1873-1881)

(f) Stuart Bland (1875-1880)

(g) Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bland (1876 – October 16, 1927) married William D. Whitney. At the time of her death she lived in New Orleans, Orleans Parish Louisiana.¹⁹⁴

(h) George Douglass Bland (1882 -) George married Lucie Harwick Crebbin (1889-1968).

(i) Archie Button Bland (April 8, 1887-1936) Archie was a dentist. He also served in World War I.¹⁹⁵ Archie married Elizabeth Louise Faulk. (1900 -) on December 28, 1921. They had three children.

(j) Russell Dale Bland (1890-1890)

(k) Rose Russell Bland (1892-1972) never married.

192 Including: Mathilde Truly Bland (February 20, 1904 – March 29, 1941) who married Fred Porter Lancaster on November 29, 1920. They were parents of Catheron Lancaster Upson, my correspondent. I am pleased to display a photograph of Mathilde on page 101. Other children were Maxine or Marcine, Lucien, Sophie Whitney Bland, Millard Lee, Helene Rose, Maxwell Washington.

193 Upson File, Death Certificate of Lucian D. Bland.

194 Upson File, Death certificate of Elizabeth Bland Whitney.

195 Upson File, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.



Mathilde Truly Bland Lancaster (1904-1941)
Courtesy of Catheron Upson

(2) Ella Bland (1845-1881) Ella was boarding at the Brashear Academy at the time of the 1860 Census and gave her age as 17. married Henry P. Eckford (1842 -) and they had:

(a) Hallie Eckford (1880-)

(3) Archibald "Archy" Bland (December 9, 1847 – March 2, 1897) Lived in Washington County Mississippi. Archibald enlisted about May 1864 and served the CSA in Company A, Wirt Adams 1st Regiment, Mississippi Cavalry until May 12, 1865.¹⁹⁶ He was paroled at Gainesville Alabama. Archibald married Lizzie Rollins (October 16, 1852 – February 6, 1940) on April 18, 1876, at Tensas Parish Louisiana. They moved to Newellton Louisiana and lived there until Archibald died. At Lizzie Rollins' death, she lived in Pineville, Rapides Parish Louisiana. Their children included:

(a) Lillian Bland (1893 -) who married T.J. Davis, (1874 -).

The (2nd) wife of Maxwell Washington Bland was Mary _____ (1834 -) whom he married about 1852.¹⁹⁷ They had:

(4) Charles Bland (1853 -)

(5) Sarah Bland (1855 -)

(6) Celine/Selina Bland (1856 -) Celine married W.F. Smith (1852-) on April 18/19, 1879.

(7) Virginia Bland (1861 -) she could be the "Jennie" C. Bland who married Thomas M. Higdon June 5, 1875.¹⁹⁸

(8) Charlotte Bland (1863 -)

(9) Isaac Bland (1865 -)

196 Persion #13936, Application of Lizzie Rollins Bland for Pension of Archie Bland, March 17, 1932, in Upson File.

197 Mary's information is derived from Upson File, the 1860 Census in Which Maxwell, Dwelling 739, Family 666, enumerated are Maxwell and Mary, a woman of 16. with children Lucien, Ella and Archibald, children of Emealine Douglass and Charles, Sarah and Selina (Celine), children of Mary. By the 1870 Census, Dwelling 324, Family 373, Maxwell is gone, Mary is head of household, all of the children of Emaline Douglass are gone and there are three new children of Mary Virginia, Charlotte and Isaac. .

198 Upson File, Marriages in Claiborne County Mississippi.

Other Blands in Claiborne County Mississippi

Elizabeth Bland married John Coursey, September 25, 1823

Susan Bland married G. Flowers September 1, 1835

James Bland married Bell Walker March 13, 1869.

Peggy Bland married Anthony Wallace August 13, 1870.

Other Blands in Jefferson County Mississippi

George W. Bland married Maria Ward December 24, 1881

Joseph B. Bland married Susie Martin February 11, 1900.

Other Blands in Tensas Parish Louisiana

Annie Bland

Henry Bland, identified in tax records, Point Pleasant, 1885

Watson Bland, identified on Assessment Roll for Tensas parish.

4. **WILLIAM BLAND** (C1765-1850) was the youngest son of John Bland and Margaret Osborne. William married Sarah Peake (1769-1844). William and Sarah are buried at the Red Mill Cemetery in Hardin County Kentucky. Teresa Reynolds, a new correspondent sends information about one of their eighteen children:¹⁹⁹

A. **Katherine Bland** (March 29, 1810 -) married William Mount on January 14, 1833 in Hardin County, Kentucky.²⁰⁰

DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN BLAND (C1724-1771) LINE 25B6A

Two cases have arisen in recent years of families who cannot be placed yet whose best information available suggest they belong to line 25B6A, a line of descent from James Bland (1661-1709) founder of the Northern Virginia family, through his second son James Bland (C1687-1756). The only son of James Bland for whom well developed information is available is the younger James son Benjamin Bland (C1724-1771). The two are:

GENERAL VANRANSLER BLAND (1825 -1904)**JOHN A. BLAND** (C1825 - between 1864/1870)

Details of the line of descent for both these men is provided in studies of their lines below in addition to DNA and traditional evidence that suggests they belong in the Northern Virginia family, line 25B6A. In the case of General Bland DNA evidence makes an overwhelming case that he is the son of Thomas Pope Bland (1791-1845),

¹⁹⁹ AC 15/17, p. 76.

²⁰⁰ E-Mail, Teresa Reynolds to Charles L. Bland, July 23, 2007.

eldest son of Charles Bland (1765-1842), or perhaps Charles himself. One codicil applicable to all possibilities about General Bland: he is identified variously as a "free person of color," or something similar. Unless the historically known wife of the historically known male is herself a person of color, the likely construction would be that the historically known Bland male would be the father via a relationship with an unknown woman of color.

Here are some possibilities: 201

Benjamin Bland, (C1724-1771) the eldest son of James Bland (C1687-1756) married Mary _____ about 1748. 202 His probable family is derived from Mary's will was made August 3, 1782 and probated October 28, 1782. 203 Eight children were listed in Mary's will, including three sons:

1. James Bland (1750 – between 1802/1806) 204 James was the executor of his mother's will, indicating he was the eldest child of Benjamin and Mary. James was in Mason County Kentucky between 1790-1800 but his estate was settled in Fauquier County Virginia, on October 25, 1802. 205 His wife Margaret and her children were found in Mason County in 1806. Margaret was alive in the 1810 census. James and Margaret had eight children including three sons of interest: 206

a. Benjamin Villary Bland (1786 - 1824). It is notable in several cases of this line of descent that General Bland (1825-1904) named his first son Benjamin. According to "The Martin Family Bible" Benjamin and his wife Mary Rolf had a family of five children born between 1810-1821. General could possibly be an unacknowledged son of Benjamin Bland.

b. Calvin Bland (1796 - 1880). Calvin and his wife Ruth Dye (1799 - 1885) had children whose dates are mostly derived from markings in "Old Shannon Cemetery" in Mason County Kentucky. Calvin and Ruth had ten

201 The known lines of descent from Benjamin Bland are discussed in AC 15-17, pp. 23-46. The reader is directed there for detailed information. What follows is the briefest outline of possibilities for General and John Bland, culled from those pages.

202 E-Mail, Kevin Fraley to Charles L. Bland, March 16, 1999.

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

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

205 In his mother's will, James was identified as her oldest son, and James was appointed executor of the estate, indicating he was at least 21 in 1782, hence a long standing assumption that he was born no later than 1761 but in fact if he was the oldest child he was born probably no later than 1750.

206 AC 15-17, pp. 23-26.

children between 1819-1841, including six born before 1828. One, Charles Bland, had a precise birth date of March 7, 1825, which rules out Ruth as mother of General, born May 29, 1825.

c. Charles Bland (C1802 -) nothing more is known of this Charles Bland, who could conceivably be a parent of either General or John Bland. A James Bland dates unknown, appears in Mason County marrying Sarah Devin August 27, 1823. Nothing more is known of James and Sarah and there is nothing that connects them to the family of James Bland (C1750-1802).

2. Charles Bland (1765-1842) Charles was born in Fauquier County Virginia. Charles followed his sweetheart, Phillis Pope (1773 - 1818) to Lincoln County Kentucky, where they were married on January 17, 1791. 207 By 1800 Charles was in Garrard County Kentucky, where he lived out his long life. The line of Charles Bland and Phillis pope takes on especial interest for General Bland, because of DNA testing results (See discussion above, pp. 21-27 esp. graph on pp. 26-27 especially Charles Layman Bland – case 93119; Gary Leland Bland – Case 81519; Jeffrey Carl Bland – Case 89628; Robert Eugene Bland – Case 70749) and Steven Leroy Bland – Case 10085. Test results for all four of these individuals places them squarely within the Northern Virginia family and historical information places all of them except Gary Leland Bland in family 25B6A, specifically through the family of Charles Bland and Phillis Pope and more specifically through their oldest son Thomas Pope Bland (1791-1845). Gary Leland, known by traditional research to descend from General Bland shares an identical mutation at Marker 19 with both Charles layman and Stephen Leroy Bland. Jeffrey Carl Bland and Robert Eugene Bland are identical to the other three except for a variation at Marker 19. Charles Bland and Phillis Pope had fifteen children: 208

a. Thomas Bland (December 10, 1791 – July 18 1845). Thomas was born in Lincoln County Kentucky and moved to Pike County Missouri where he died. Thomas married Elizabeth Duncan (- C1843) 209 in Garrard County

207 The precision of the dates is attributable to a Family Bible, VU pp. 407-408, with additional information supplied from the Filson Club in Louisville Kentucky, displayed in AC 4-2, pp. 25-26. The Family Bible was owned by Mrs. Ellen Perrin, a daughter of Jeremiah Bland, of Lancaster Kentucky. Phillis was the daughter of Thomas Pope and Ann Duncan. The Family Bible stated that Phillis died in October 1818, but someone later inserted April.

208 Pat Marsh to C.L. Bland, about June 20, E-Mail. Ac 15-17, pp. 26-38. Following the death of Phyllis Pope in 1818, Charles remarried October 28, 1821 to Phebe Campbell, (- February 22, 1840), per a marriage certificate in Garrard County. The dates of Children of Charles Bland and Phillis Pope follow the Perrin family bible.

209 Pat Marsh indicates that among descendants it is now accepted to refer to the elder Thomas as Thomas Pope Bland. Helen Bland has stated that Thomas and Elizabeth died the same day, July 18, 1845. This, however, is apparently in error, for on that date, James Moseley, a son in-law of Thomas Bland, received payment from Thomas's brothers John and Joseph, for transporting five of Thomas and Elizabeth's children back to Kentucky where they were raised by William Duncan. Moseley was the husband of Mason

Kentucky on November 27, 1819. Thomas and Elizabeth had nine children including five sons. Most compelling is that this particular son of Charles Bland and Phillis Pope is the location of descent for the three DNA participants who know their genealogical origins through traditional research: Robert Eugene Bland descends through Thomas and Elizabeth's oldest son Benjamin Mason Bland (1820-1868) while Charles Layman Bland and Steven Leroy Bland descend through Thomas and Elizabeth's son John (1832-1887). Jeffrey Carl Bland descends through Thomas and Elizabeth's youngest son William Henry Bland. Because of the identical DNA including a shared mutation between Gary Leland Bland, Charles Layman Bland and Steven Leroy Bland, it would be almost certain that General Bland is the son of Thomas Bland (1791-1845). A further wrinkle is provided by Patricia Marsh who observes that Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan were in Garrard County Kentucky in 1830, but their son Thomas Pope Bland (1831-1914) was born October 12, 1831 in Pike County Missouri. This would make it certain that the older Thomas left Kentucky for Missouri in this 1830-1831 window. Pat also has seen a record of an 1830 household near the property of Thomas Pope Bland that contained a colored woman, age 30-45, with three children under age 14. Neither the woman nor the children were in the same place in 1840. Names are unidentified which renders speculative the possibility that this woman could be the mother of General Bland.

b. Benjamin Bland (1799 – before 1842). Benjamin, second son of Charles Bland and Phillis Pope, married Jane Logan and otherwise very little is known about him. Because of his age and position in the family, he could be the parent of either of the two men in question.

c. John Bland (1804-1858) on his own could be a father to General Bland but not through his only known marriage to Cynthia Cox, which occurred in 1845. Also Cynthia was born in 1818, and thus could not be General Bland's mother.

d. James Bland (1808-1867) never married. His age makes it technically possible that he could be General Bland's father.

Younger sons Charles Josiah, Hiram and Alemander are too young to be candidates for General Bland's father.

Bland, a daughter of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan. On August 17, 1845, Moseley made out a receipt for payment of \$46. from John and Joseph Bland payment received on July 18, 1845. On April 12, 1856, in Garrard County Kentucky, as part of a suit between Charles Joshua Bland and Henry Jameson, husband of William's older sister Mary, Peter Oatman testified that three of the Bland Children, "Betsy, Sarah and Wm. H. Bland" had been brought back to Kentucky. In the same hearing, John D. Bland, an older brother, confirmed that following the death of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan, William H. Bland and "four others" were brought from Missouri by James Moseley.

3. John Bland (C1770-1820) John appears to have lived out his life in Virginia. He married Hanna Randle (C1771-after 1820) in Fauquier County Virginia on December 1, 1788. John and Hannah had a family of eight children including the following three sons: 210

a. Joseph Bland (1791 -) Joseph's existence is known only through a family bible record, but he is obviously a candidate for parent of either of the two men researched in this essay, especially John Bland (C1825 - 1864/1870).

b. John Daniel Bland (1792-1861) John and his wife Rebecca ___ (1802-1872) had a family of 5 children, including compellingly a gap in known births between 1823 and 1829, which would make John Daniel and Rebecca possible parents for John Bland or General Bland.

c. Daniel Bland (1802 -) on his own could be a parent for general or John Bland, but his only marriage was in 1834 in Perry County Illinois, to Narcissa Babb, who in any case would be too young to be the mother of the two men in question. Yet Daniel and his wife are not irrelevant: Daniel's marriage was significant, inasmuch as Rachel Louks, wife of John A. Bland, was the daughter of John Loucks (C1805 -) and Lydia Babb, who were married in Warren County Ohio October 25, 1821. 211

Summaries of the lines of descent of General Bland and John Bland follow:

1. **GENERAL VANRANSLER BLAND** 212 (May 29, 1825 - December 5, 1904) was born in Kentucky. 213 General served in The Civil War with Company I of the Eleventh Michigan Infantry Regiment from December 29, 1863 to September 16, 1865. According to his service record, by 1890 General suffered from "Rheumatism and general debility with lame back and hips". 214 General died in Menon, St. Joseph's County Michigan.

General Bland's father was unknown but he is evidently the son of Susan Bland, a free woman of color by 1844. In a marriage notice in Jefferson County Kentucky of February 1, 1844, (when General would be 18), one "Ancelar" Bland, with permission from his mother Susan Bland, is married to Mary Taylor,

210 AC15-17, pp. 38-46. The principle researcher for this line Kevin Fraley indicates that precise birth dates are available for the children of John and Hannah because of a bible record.

211 Esther Jennings to Bland Roots Web, May 10, 2000.

212 This essay builds upon information furnished in 2001 by Joanne Shannon and displayed on pp. 20-23 of AC 18. Joanne's information is elaborated by material transmitted to me from Bonnie Bland Bonnes, May 9, 2008. See also, Bonnes to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail May 5 and June 7, 2008 and David Benson to Charles L. Bland, May 2, 2008, including a website "Bland Family History" at www.familyspirits.com/bland/bland. The first group information provided by Bonnie Bonnes (6 pages) in May 2008 is marked as prepared by Joanne Shannon in 2001. The second group sheet, titled "The Bland Family" (hereafter BF, 23pp.) bears no author.

213 "The Bland Family (BF) p. 1.

214 Declaration for Invalid Pension. July 11, 1890. Provided by Bonnie Bonnes.

a daughter of Francis Taylor. Bond is posted by B. Taylor. Susan's son is identified elsewhere as "Anselmo Bland." All parties are identified as "free persons of color".²¹⁵ All these variations in his name are admittedly odd, and always subject to proof that they all referred to the same person. The law of Occam's Razor, (known in modern times as KISS),²¹⁶ however, would indicate that they all referred to the same person, whose formal name was Van Ransler. General's wife has been identified previously as Elizabeth Ann Meanthru (C1832-1892). Again, however, historical evidence suggests something different. In Jefferson County Kentucky on January 6, 1847, Edmund Duncan posts bond and acts as witness to a marriage between Vanransluerr Bland and Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Matilda Bland. The name Meanthru does not appear in this transaction.²¹⁷ The birth dates of General's known children would indicate that there were no children in the first marriage with Mary Brooks.

Joanne Shannon indicates that General was "Spanish and American Indian (and probably, but no data anywhere, Black). Joanne speculates that the Black identification could be traced to General's wife Elizabeth. General was found in Washington County Indiana On September 29, 1846 and again in the 1850 Census for Posey Township, Washington County Indiana, (dwelling 542, family 555), in which he is identified as a mulatto farmer. Various indentures between General and Elizabeth and others, indicates they are "of Washington County Indiana."²¹⁸ For the 1850 Census, both General and Elizabeth indicated their place of birth was Kentucky.²¹⁹ The 1870 Census for St. Joseph County Michigan shows general from Kentucky and Elizabeth from Alabama. A "Negro Register" for Washington County Indiana, contains an entry for February 27, 1854, for "G.V.R. Bland age 29, a mulatto, 5'8" well made, dark, straight hair and light complexion" living in Cutshaw, Washington County, born in Nelson County Kentucky. A similar description of 38 year old General is found in December 29, 1863, when he was mustered into Company G of the 11th regiment of Michigan Infantry.²²⁰ Washington County was formed in 1814 from Clark County in the Southeastern section of Indiana, suggesting at least a tangible relationship with the Blands of Randolph County North Carolina, who traveled

215 Records of Marriage Jefferson County Kentucky 1842-1849, Book 4, P. 45, located at Allen Public Library in Fort Wayne Indiana.

216 The 14th Century Franciscan Friar, William of Ockham, famously enunciated the idea that the explanation of any phenomenon should make as few assumptions as possible. His dictum "entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem", translates into modern prose roughly as "keep it simple stupid, (KISS)"

217 BF, p. 1. Records of Marriage Jefferson County Kentucky 1842-1849, Book 4, P. 141.

218 Indenture, General and Elizabeth Bland, November 5, 1850 and October 10, 1851, Washington County Indiana.

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

220 Chapter XI, Negro Register, Washington County Indiana, Military Record of General Bland. According to Michigan Volunteers, 1861-1865 p. 12, General enlisted for a three year term but mustered out September 16, 1865 at Nashville Tennessee. Also General Bland, Service record, National Archives Certificate #633677. Information provided by Bonnie Bonnes.

via Kentucky to Clark Grant about 1800, before Indiana was granted statehood and then were found in Clark, Scott, Jefferson, Jennings and Jackson Counties. The dates of these events, however, are out of synch with General's birth of 1825. If the birthplace of Kentucky given in the Indiana Census of 1850 is correct, it would argue against this idea. Sometime between the birth of a child Catherine in Indiana during 1853-1854, and the time of the 1860 Census, General had moved away from Indiana, to Porter Township in Cass County Michigan 221 and in 1870 was in Mendon Village, St. Joseph County Michigan. He is buried at the Mendon Village Cemetery. General Bland and Elizabeth Bland had the following children:
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A. ALICE BLAND (May 23 1849 - August 9, 1921) Alice was born in Indiana and died in Mendon, St. Joseph's County Michigan. She married David Walker, (1843 -) on February 12, 1873 in Sturgis Michigan. 223 David and Alice had a son:

(1) Edward Bland (May 20, 1880 -)

B. BENJAMIN NAPOLEON BLAND (November 19, 1851 – January 22, 1915) Benjamin was born in Washington County Indiana and died on Volinia, Cass County Michigan. Benjamin died from Bright's Disease in East Volinia in Cass County Michigan. Benjamin married Melinda Jane Ivens (September 17, 1851 – May 3, 1938) on December 25, 1873 in Calvin, Cass County Michigan. 224 Melinda Jane was, like her husband, born in Washington County Indiana and died in Volinia, Cass County Michigan. Both are buried at the Nicholville Cemetery in Volinia. 225 Their children included:

(1) Clara Bell Bland (March 5, 1875 - October 13, 1894) born in Mendon St. Joseph County. Clara Bell married Henry Benjamin Wilson (C1867) in 1893 in Volinia Michigan. They were parents of:

(a) David Henry Wilson (October 6, 1894 – August 7, 1977). David died in Detroit, Wayne County Michigan. David married Geneva Ruth Wilson (1898-1979) on April 28, 1917 in Detroit.

(2) Bertha Ann Bland (March 26, 1877 – August 25, 1963), born in Mendon, St. Joseph County Michigan. Bertha married (1s) Frederick W.

221 1860 Census, Cass County Michigan, (Dwelling 613, family 1624) provided by Bonnie Bonnes.

222 E-Mail, Joanne Shannon to Charles L. Bland, January 24, 26, 2001 and family tree sent by Joanne Shannon "Descendants of General Vanransler Bland". Birthdates for children of General Bland are provided in Department of the Interior Certificate 633, 677, January 15, 1898, furnished by Bonnie Bonnes. In spite of numerous contradictions about birth years for General's children, I am accepting this document as conclusive.

223 Marriage date is provided in "Bland Family History" transmitted by David Benson E-Mail to Charles Bland May 2, 2008, hereafter BFH.

224 In 2001, Joanne Shannon indicated they were married in Mendon, St. Joseph County Michigan.

225 Photographs of Benjamin Napoleon and Melinda Jane Ivens Bland appear in AC 18 on page 22.

Carter (C 1871- November 8, 1915 or 1875-1929) at Mendon, St. Joseph County Michigan, January 14, 1903. Their children:

- (a) Donald Carter
- (b) Forrest Carter
- (c) Eva Carter, married _____ Butler.
- (d) Thelma Carter

Bertha also had a child Moses Ladanah Bland (July 7, 1901- March 8, 1973) (whose father is unknown) who married Christina Wast Peak (1885-) or Alice Hayes. 226. Bertha married (2nd) Anderson Cassopolis in 1930.227

(3) Catherine or Katherine Elizabeth Bland (March 19, 1879 -) born in Volinia, Cass County Michigan. Catherine married Otto Wright on November 1, 1899 in Volinia, Cass County Michigan. Their children were:

(a) Ethel Wright, (December 25, 1899 who married Edward Rufus Ash.

(b) Cecil Calendar Wright (April 19, 1904 – November 3, 1977). Cecil married Louise Ivens or Maude J. Stewart.

(c) Ila Wright married James Buck.

(d) Olive Wright who married James Buck (husband of her sister Ila). Bonnie Bonnes indicates that Olive went to Ohio to care for Ila, after she became ill. Following Ila's death, Olive stayed behind to care for "the children" and married Mr. Buck. This would indicate that Ila had children.

(e) Lawrence Otto Wright (December 5, 1917 – May 2, 2000). Lawrence died in Elkart Indiana. He married Martha Emily Ampey (March 27, 1925- October 5, 1986) on December 5, 1943.

(f) Katheryne Jane Wright (January 10, 1922 - June 11, 2003) Katheryne married Leo Robert Bradley on January 19, 1941 in Cassopolis, Cass County Michigan.

(4) Nellie Mae Bland (December 15, 1880 – October 7 or 18, 1899) Nellie was born and died in Volinia Michigan. She did not marry.

226 Listed by Joanne Shannon as Alice Hayes.

227 Identified by Bonnie Bonnes to Charles L. Bland, May 9, 2008, and BF as Moses Anderson.

(5) Lulu Pearl Bland (March 20, 1883 – August 31, 1939) was born and died in Volinia Michigan. She married Elton R. Ampey (March 13, 1881 – August 1968) on March 4, 1903 in Volinia, Cass County Michigan. Elton and Lulu had a family of six children.

(a) Paul Ampey, who married Louisa Mae Brown (1907-1994).

(b) Vera Ampey

(c) Benjamin Ampey, who married Frances Bradley

(d) Glenn Alvah Ampey (April 5, 1915 – December 3, 1986) who married Katheryne May Goens (1917-1981)

(e) Warren G. Ampey (June 1, 1917 – January 11, 1998) who married Essie M. Wilson.

(f) Blaine Leroy Ampey, who married Sylvia Mitchell.

(6) Alvah Augustus Bland (October 1, 1885 or 1886 – March 11, 1976) Alvah was born in Cass County Michigan and died at Battle Creek in Calhoun County Michigan. He married (1st) Pearl _____ and (2nd) Ellen M. Bradley (April 29 1897 – April 24, 1982). 228

(7) Rolland Rockford Bland (February 12, 1888 – February 17, 1969). Born in Prarie Ronde, Cass County, Michigan and died in Kalamazoo Michigan. Roland Rockford Bland married (1st) Methel Electra Hamilton (April 20, 1888 – July 3, 1936) at Paw Paw Michigan on October 15, 1907. Rolland married (2nd) Elizabeth Griffith (1888-). With Methel Hamilton, Rolland had:

(a) Lois Arlene Bland (March 1, 1906 or 1908 – September 19, 1951) Lois married Edward A. Murphy (1902-1978).

(b) Benjamin Kermit Bland (August 8, 1910 – January 10, 1911)

(c) Neva Pauline Bland (May 5, 1912-) married Ivan E. Lyons, (1907 or 1908-1987) on April 29, 1934 in Kalamazoo Michigan.

(d) Roland Nardin Bland (September 23, 1914 – April 3, 1976) Roland married Irene Pollner (March 11, 1916 – February 26, 2002) 229

228 My earlier assertion that Alvah and Ellen were married in 1897 is obviously incorrect.

229 Roland and Miss Pollner are parents of my correspondent Bonnie Marie Bland who married Henry James Bonnes on September 25, 1959.

(e) Norman Jerome Bland (January 14, 1919 – December 1 or 2, 1943) who was killed in World War II action in New Guinea.

(f) Cecelia Mae Bland (April 7, 1921 -) married Floyd Bassett. Leland Doyle Bland (June 26, 1923-) married Katherine Helen Huber (1921-) on August 10, 1941 in Bryan Ohio. 230

(g) J. Deboyce Bland (September 15, 1925 -) married Valdean Brown or Branch (1930-) on December 27, 1946 in Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County Michigan.

(8) Herman Benjamin Bland (October 26, 1893 – October 21, 1897) Herman was born in Cass County Michigan.

C. CATHERINE BLAND (C1853/1854-) Catherine was born in Indiana.

D. JAMES AUGUSTUS BLAND (May 2, 1857 - June 15, 1911) James was born in Washington County Indiana or Kalamazoo County Michigan and died in Mendon, St. Joseph's County Michigan. He is buried at the Mendon Village Cemetery. On July 5, 1885, James married Anna Kline (C1869 -) on July 5, 1885 and had:

(1) Franklin Augustus Bland (February 1887 or 1888 – April 16, 1910)

E. NAOMI BLAND (September 29, 1859 -) Naomi moved to Keokuk Iowa and married Oscar Kennedy (1854 -) on July 3, 1881 in Mendon, St. Joseph's County Michigan. Naomi was living in Keokuk County Iowa in 1915 with the surname Fields.

F. JEROME GENERAL BLAND (August 19, 1861– March 24, 1911) Jerome was born in Mendon, St. Joseph's County Michigan and died in Sparta, Kent County Michigan. He married (1st) Mary Kline (C1868 -) on January 19, 1886 Constantine, St. Joseph's County Michigan and (2nd) Carrie McDonald (August 1, 1878 – May 19, 1961) on October 15, 1897 or 1899. By Carrie, Jerome had:

(1) Morris General Bland (September 5, 1904 – December 30, 1963). Morris married Evelyn Simmons (March 4, 1909 – June 1984) on November 7, 1925. Their Children were:

(a) Robert John Bland (May 26, 1935 -)

(b) Morris Bland

230 Leland Doyle Bland and Katherine Huber are parents of my correspondent Joanne Bland Shannon.

231 BHF, P. 1.

(c) Anna Mae Bland

(d) Bessie Bland

(e) William Bland

(f) Charlotte Bland

(g) Lionel Bland

G. MATTHEW BLAND (December 22, 1863 – March 2, 1929) Matthew was born in Mendon, St. Joseph's County Michigan and died at Sparta, Kent County Michigan. He married Lillian Howard (C1865-1917) in St. Joseph County Michigan on April 28, 1887.

H. MAUDE BLAND (September 1871 -) was born in Michigan. She married _____ Brown at Chicago Illinois.

The 1850 Census of Warren County Ohio²³² shows:

1. JOHN A. BLAND from "Mississippi" but this is considered a transposition for Missouri 233 (C1825 - 1864/before 1870). March 15 or 16, 1843 in Perry County Illinois. 234 John died in Jefferson County Illinois. The gap in childbirths for children of his marriage, (1858 – 1966) indicate that John may have been a Civil War Soldier. John married Rachel Loucks (1826/1827 – 1904/1908) 235 The 1850 Census shows that Rachel was born in Ohio. In the 1860-1870 censuses, John and Rachel were in Jefferson County Illinois. 236 Rachel, shows as age 43.

So who is this John Bland and how does he fit in the family matrix?

²³² Warren was formed in 1803, as an original Ohio County. It lies in the southwest corner of the state, close to the Kentucky border.

²³³ This might be a typo in my 1850 census records, from Missouri. The only family in Mississippi that I have records for descends from Joseph Henry Bland (1785-1862) whose family migrated to Perry County Alabama from North Carolina, and his children migrated to Lafayette Mississippi. Joseph Henry had nine children born between 1811-1833, all accounted for and no John. The other is the descendan line of Isaac Bland (C1756-1820), a son of John Bland and Margaret Osborne, who eventually moved to and died in Claiborne County Mississippi (discussed above pp.) Isaac, however, died in 1820 and his only child was born in 1815, which effectively eliminates him. In a 1997 letter to me, Esther Jennings identified Rachel E. Strickland in Chelis County Washington in the 1910 Census, and surmised that she was Rachel Elmira Bland, (C1866 -) daughter of John Bland and Rachel Loucks. The census identified her father as born in Missouri and her mother in Ohio.

²³⁴ Georgia Hoxworth Posting to Genforum, August 22, 2003. Hoxworth notes that John was located near "John "Jacky" Bland but she could not find the connection.

²³⁵ In an undated (probably 1997) note to me, Esther Jennings says she found a record of Rachel Bland living with Oliver M. Strickland in 1903/1904, in Polk City Washington, but she was gone from Strickland's household in 1908, and is not noted in the 1910 census.

²³⁶ Though they have different origins, Jefferson and Perry Counties are adjacent in Southwestern Illinois.

Joseph Bland (1791 -) noted above (P. 107 a), of Prince William County Virginia may be the best possibility. John Daniel Bland (1792-1861) is another possibility. By 1825, John Daniel and his wife had moved to Perry County Illinois. As noted Perry County is adjacent to Jefferson County, where John A. Bland settled and died and raised his family. John and Rebecca moved to Cedar County Missouri about 1840. As noted above, there is a gap in births between 1823-1829 for known children of John Daniel and his wife.

According to Everett Osborne, the 1860 Census for Jefferson County Illinois shows a Joseph Bland (C1816-) and his wife Nancy (C1815-) living "next door" to John A. Bland. Joseph and Nancy had two children at the time, Josiah and William. Osborne also cites a reference from the History of Jefferson County Illinois, (no more detailed citation) that "About 1829 came the Bland Family, consisting of the elder John Bland and wife, John and David Bland, his sons and their families, who came from Tennessee. This raises the possibility that John (C1825-) and Joseph (C1816-) were brothers, and logically the sons of Joseph Bland (1791 -). Mr. Osborne suggested that the origin from Tennessee may have been an error, that they were probably from Ohio. 237

Notwithstanding the continuing puzzle of his origins, John and Rachel were parents of: 238

A. JAMES A BLAND (C1843/1844/1846 -) James was shown in the 1850 census age six, born in Illinois, and in 1860 is shown as 17. By 1870 in Jefferson County Illinois, James is shown as aged 24, married to Mary Clampit (C1849-) with one child: 239

(1) David Bland (C1869-)

B. DAVID BLAND (C1846/1847 -). David is shown as age 4 in 1850, born in Illinois and age 13 in 1860. David married (1st) Mary Biggles in Jefferson County Illinois and (2nd) Maggie Biggles in Gallatin County Illinois. 240

237 Everett Osborne stated that his wife's ancestor was Joseph Czar Bland. Charles Bland to Jeanette Crerar, March 8, 2002. In my response to Jeannette Crerar, I noted that the 1850 census found this Joseph Bland in Perry County Illinois with a family that also included a daughter Elizabeth (C1838 -) she is not present in the 1860 census, perhaps died or married. This information is backed up by Wilma Bland who finds John Loucks married to Lydia Babb. Wilma's e-mail of April 3, 2007 notes the impossibility of Joseph (1816-) and John (1825-) being father and son. I agree and believe that if the connection is valid they were brothers and both sons of Joseph Bland (1791-). Wilma Bland also notes a finding by Georgia Hoxworth of a Mary Bland in Perry County 1840, with a 15 year old male. This would suggest that Joseph, who would have been 24, was out of the household and John was the unnamed male. It would also suggest that the older Joseph was the husband of this Mary and himself also out of the picture by 1840. The other possibility per a second letter from Wilma Bland to Charles Bland, April 3, 2007, is that James Bland who married Mary Street in 1822 in Montgomery County Illinois, could have been the father of John Bland. The 1830 census of Morgan County Illinois finds a James, age 30-40, with a male under 5. This could fit the 1840 Census which finds a widow Mary and a son age 15. I should note that if this materializes as the answer to John A. Bland's parents, it would mean John was not part of the family of Jack Bland and Hannah Randle. Their children, recorded in a Bible record, does not include a son named James.

238 Esther Jennings, Postings at Genforum, February 9 and June 14, 1999.

239 Wilma Bland to Charles L. Bland, March 29, 2007, indicateds that James and Mary were born February 20, 1881.

240 Wilma Bland to Charles L. Bland, March 29, 2007.

C. JOSEPH CZAR BLAND (April 22, 1851 - April 21, 1921) Joseph was born in Ohio, and died in Summit, Grays Harbor County, Washington.



Joseph Czar Bland (1851-1921)
Courtesy Wilma Bland

In 1870, Joseph Czar Bland was listed as a head of household with a child:²⁴¹

(1) Malinda Bland (C1870 -) most likely died by 1875. She was not enumerated in 1880.

Joseph married (1st) Mary A. Sallee (July 27, 1850 – May 28, 1904) according to Wilma Bland, on November 26, 1868 in Jefferson County Illinois. ²⁴² Mary was born possibly in Tennessee, Missouri or Kansas. According to Wilma Bland, Joseph Czar Bland married (2nd) the widow Debbie Frances Cox on August 17, 1908 at Montesano, Grays Harbor County, Washington. It was a brief marriage, for Debbie is not listed with Joseph in the 1910 Census. ²⁴³ Joseph and Mary Sallee had Malinda, named above and:

(2) Walter C. Bland (C1871 -)

²⁴¹ Esther Jennings to Charles Bland, July 16, 1999. Esther Jennings to Charles Bland May 10, 2000.

²⁴² E-Mail, Wilma Bland to Charles L. Bland, April 10, 2007, cites the marriage license and a marriage voucher for Joseph and Mary attested by Joseph's brother James A. Bland.

²⁴³ E-Mail, Wilma Bland to Charles L. Bland, April 10, 2007.

(3) Marion Ellsworth Bland (C1872-1943) Marion was born in Illinois 244 and died in Grays Harbor County Washington. Marion was a laborer and after he arrived in Washington State around 1900 worked as a logger (a "bucker") around Summit Washington. About October 1892, Marion married Etta Roselle Hampleman (November 25, 1875 - 1899) born in Illinois and died in a buggy accident in Summit Washington. She was buried in Jefferson County Illinois. They had three children: 245

(a) Iva Bland (June, 1894 -)

(b) Clarence Glen Bland (March 27, 1897 -) was born in Jefferson County Illinois. He married Frances Lettie Freeman Myrtle Bland (November 1898 -).

Following the death of Etta Hampleman, Marion moved to Summit Washington and hired Ellen Julia Jane Langenbach (C1886-) to care for his children. Marion and Ellen were married on August 4, 1901 in Grays Harbor. Ellen was Marion's second wife. Marion and Ellen had:

(c) William J. Bland (October 1901 or March 9, 1902 -) born in Elma, Chehalis County Washington.

(d) Earle C. M. Bland (March 9, 1905 -), born in Chehalis County Washington.

(e) Lola Bland (May 17, 1907 -) born in Moxie, Chehalis County Washington

(f) Vivian J. Bland (November 27, 1909 -) born in Summit, Lewis County Washington.

(g) Verginia Sarah Marie Bland (December 26, 1912 - February 26, 1996), was born in Summit, Gray's Harbor County Washington, and died in Centralia, Lewis County Washington. She married Leonard Troy Baker.

(h) Edith Bland (March 18, 1914 - living in 2008) was born in Summit, Grays Harbor County Washington.

(i) Lester Bland (February 12, 1917 -) was born at Summit, Grays Harbor County Washington.

244 Wilma Bland to Charles L. Bland, March 29, 2007. Although census records show Marion was born in Illinois, his daughter Myrtle and Wilma Bland's mother stated that he was born in Stoddard County Missouri. His obituary places his birth at Pacific County Missouri.

245 Wilma Bland to Charles L. Bland, March 29, 2007 and April 10, 2007.

(j) Clinton Bland (October 9, 1918 – living in 2008) was born at Summit, Grays Harbor County Washington.

(k) Mary Jane Bland (February 22, 1921 -) born at Summit, Grays Harbor County Washington.

(l) Walter Stanley Bland (July 29, 1923 - January 19, 1994) was born at Summit and died at Montesano in Grays Harbor County Washington. He married Nellie Shimpauh.

(m) Estelle Bland (June 25, 1926 – Wilma, do you know when she died) Was born at Summit, Grays Harbor County Washington.

(4) David Sylvester “DS” Bland. (C1877 - October 4, 1948) was born at Benton, Jefferson County Illinois and died at Portageville Missouri. David married Attic Belle Bradshaw. Their children were:

(a) Colman Bland

(b) David Edward Bland

(c) Joseph Melvin Bland, who married Essie Chapman

(d) Willis Bland

(e) James Murel Bland (1917-1982) was born at Fair Oaks Arkansas and died in Poplar Bluffs Missouri. He married Helen Agatha Pepper in 1944.

(f) Ivy Bland

(5) Ora Commador Bland (March 16, 1883 - May 19, 1939). Ora was born in Illinois and died in Centralia, Lewis County Washington. He did prison time along with his brother Bert for his participation in the so called “Centralia Massacre.” Ora would have been paroled in 1931 or 1932, after receiving a sentence of 25-40 years for Second Degree Murder, along with his brother Bert (6 below). The reader would need to keep in mind that these sentences derived from a politically charged event in which justice was highly questionable, turning on issues of what really happened on the night of November 11, 1919, in an open violent clash between the American legion and members of the International Workers of the World (IWW, often called “Wobblies”), especially in the aftermath of the brutal murder of IWW member Wesley Everest. Ora and bert were two of eight IWW members convicted. Writing of Bert, but with relevance to Ora as well, William Bland notes: 246 Bert was released from Walla Walla State Penitentiary in 1931, I believe with the last of the men still serving time after being railroaded for participation in the

Centralia Massacre of 1919. Nellie, daughter of Ora "Commadior" Bland recalled being ostracized by people in Centralia after the event and her father and uncle Bert were imprisoned. According to her, "it was no fun to be spit upon and treated like dirt." Wilma: Based on what you wrote about Nellie's reluctance to talk to you, would it be appropriate to include this?

Ora married Gertrude "Gertie" Bailey (June 2, 1887 – November 28, 1949) on August 30, 1903. Gertie was born in Lincoln County Kansas and died in Aberdeen, Grays Harbor Washington. Ora and his sister Bertie were involved in the famous "Centralia Massacre" of 1919 and according to Wilma Bland, were later divorced. Their children were:

(a) Lulu Josephine Bland (March 30, 1905 – October 30, 1905) Lulia was born in Lincoln County Kansas and died at Centralia, Lewis County Washington. She married Thomas Baxter. (Wilma, what did I write wrong here)

(b) Joseph William "Joe" Bland (September 22, 1906 - July 7, 1973) was born in Kansas City, Wyandotte County Kansas, and died at Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County Washington. He married Frances Lucy Baker (November 25, 1914 – April 3, 1984) at Centralia Washington on March 23, 1929. Frances was born in Goodhue County Minnesota, and died at Seattle, King County Washington. Mary Marie Bland (December 26, 1908 – September 28, 1909). Joseph and Frances had six children, including my correspondent Esther Bland Jennings.

(c) Ethel Esther Bland (December 25, 1909 - September 28, 1962) was born and died in Centralia Washington. She married Cleve Newman.

(d) Nellie May Bland (January 19, 1912 January 6, 1998) was born in Centralia, Lewis County Washington and died in Olympia, Thurston County Washington. Nellie married John Kitchen.

(e) Gomer Commodor "Butch" Bland (September 19, 1913 – living in 1999) was born at Oakville, Lewis County Washington. He married Margie Lizetta Wurman.

(f) William Bland (1914 – September 1989) married Hilda _____.

(g) Eunice Mabel "Happy" Bland (August 15, 1918 – February 13, 1986). Eunice was born in Centralia, Lewis County Washington. She died at Aberdeen, Grays Harbor Washington. She married John Thomas "Pat" Patrick.

(6) Bert/Bertie Bland (C1895 _) best known for his role in the Centralia massacre in 1919 (See discussion in Ora Bland 5 above): 247

247 Ibid. E-mail, Wilma Bland to Charles I. Bland, April 10, 2007.

D. MARGARET BLAND (C1855/1856 -) Born in Illinois

E. MARY J. BLAND (C1858/1859 -) Born in Illinois. Mary Jane married George K. Wheeler (C1855-) in Jefferson County Illinois on November 7, 1877.

F. RACHEL ELMIRA BLAND (C1866 -) Born in Illinois. Rachel married Oliver Strickland in Jefferson County Illinois on June 12, 1881. Esther Jennings found Rachel E. Strickland, (age 44) married to Oliver M. Strickland in Chehalis County Washington in 1910. She surmised that this was the person enumerated as Elmira Bland in the 1870 household of John Bland and Rachel Loucks.

If John Bland died before 1870, this is probably all of their children.

JAMES BLAND OF ISLE OF WIGHT, CAROLINA, HARDY AND PENDLETON COUNTIES VIRGINIA, LINE 4

One of the most remarkable development in the new DNA project is the coming together of Group C, (Above, pp. 21-27) In which the following four Bland descendants are almost flawlessly matched to the modal haplotype for the group (only three variations):

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ancestor Known by Traditional Research</u>
11494	John Richard Bland	Josiah Bland C1820-1898, Hardy County Virginia
24703	Richard Erskine Bland	Thomas Bland C1740-1826, Pendleton County Virginia
11496	Bernard L. Bland	Thomas Bland, Caroline County Virginia
38066	Contact Linda Swapp	Thomas Bland of Isle of Wight County Virginia

In 1861, the Western Part of Virginia was organized under the name Kanawha and in 1863, became West Virginia, the Thirty Fifth State, consisting of fifty counties. Prior to the 1861-1863 divide, all the counties were of Virginia, thus:

Caroline County located in the Tidewater (Eastern) Region of Virginia was formed in 1727-1728 from King and Queen, Essex and King William Counties.

Isle of Wight County One of the original Virginia shires, (1634) is also in the Tidewater area, and borders South Hampton and Nansemond Counties.

Hardy County formed in 1785 from Hampshire County in the region that became West Virginia, is along the Virginia-West Virginia border and borders Pendleton County to its west.

Pendleton County was formed in part from Hardy County, also parts of Rockingham, Augusta and Bath Counties.

The fact that four descendants who found themselves with near identical DNA were from families located through traditional research from such disparate geographic origins, suggests that at an indeterminate historical time the family was in one location, probably the eastern counties, and then spread apart. Anyone researching this issue should understand that nothing we know now can be documented with certainty and remains, hopefully in a useful way, speculative. One possibility is a four generation divide something like this:

1. 1700-1720
2. 1720-1750
3. 1750-1790
4. 1790-1830

The barest of information, identifies:

1. **JAMES BLAND** and his wife Elizabeth in Isle of Wight County as parents of:

A. **JAMES BLAND** (July 26, 1738 -) born in Isle of Wight County.²⁴⁸ This 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:

(1) **Thomas Bland** (C1757-1799) 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).²⁴⁹ On October 20, 1800, the widow Mary Bland married John Clark²⁵⁰ 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 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 in Isle of Wight County Virginia:

(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

248 This essay abbreviates discussion in AC 21-23, pp. 169-177.

249 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.

250 IWMRI, page not noted.

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 had two known children by Elizabeth Hines.²⁵¹

(b) Lemuel Bland (C1795 - C February 17, 1846)²⁵² Lemuel married Elizabeth _____ about 1815. He married Nancy Casey on March 20, 1833.²⁵³ 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 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.²⁵⁴ Lemuel and Nancy had one child.²⁵⁵

(c) William Bland (C1796 - by 1848) married Elizabeth A. Woody or Moody on September 25, 1817.²⁵⁶ They had one child.

(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 -).²⁵⁷

(e) Thomas Bland (C1807 – died before 1860)²⁵⁸ Thomas married Martha Parkinson (c1826 -) On December 19, 1840. In 1850, he was living with a woman named Patsy (Martha) (C1818-living 1850) Thomas and Martha had ten children.

251 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.

252 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.

253 IWMRI, pp. 245, 273, 344, 489. Lemuel stood bond for another marriage on March 26, 1830, and again on August 21, 1840.

254 IWMRI, p. 397.

255 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".

256 IWMRI, p. 145; 464.

257 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.

258 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.

- (f) Julia Bland (C1807 -) married Nathaniel Doyle, January 13, 1824.²⁵⁹
- (g) Jonathan Bland (C1811- after 1842)²⁶⁰ married Elizabeth Jones on July 6, 1832.²⁶¹ By January 29, 1842, Jonathan had married Phebe Holding.²⁶² By January 15, 1844, Jonathan had married a third wife, Sally Parnell.²⁶³
- (h) Mary Bland (C1812 -) married Jonathan Fowler, March 25, 1829.²⁶⁴
- (i) Sally Bland (C1817 -) Sally is enumerated in the 1850 census with no adult males and two children.²⁶⁵ Also living in Sally's household is Polly Watson, (C1770-).
- (j) Nancy Bland (C1821 -) married William Bridges January 5, 1838.²⁶⁶
- (k) John Bland (C1822 – June 6, 1906) ²⁶⁷John is called illiterate by the census taker of 1850. John married to Sarah _____ (- C1847) and by her had a child. Sarah must have died in childbirth for John subsequently is shown with a wife Cherry Holding (C1824-) whom he married January 6, 1848. They had a child.²⁶⁸ Also living in John's household in 1850 was Virginia Bracey (C1815-) .²⁶⁹
- (l) Elizabeth Bland (C1825-) is living alone in the 1850 Census.²⁷⁰
- (m) Nancy Bland (C1826-).
- (n) Georgiana Bland (C1826 -) is living alone in the 1850 census.²⁷¹
- (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

259 IWMRI, p. 475.

260 Isle of Wight County 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.

261 IWMRI, p. 267.

262 IWMRI, p. 359.

263 IWMRI, p. 379.

264 IWMRI, p. 235, 483

265 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 548, p. 153.

266 IWMRI, p. 313, 495.

267 In Isle of Wight Deed Book 42, April 1, 1869, p. 147, 247-248, John completes a land transaction with S.J. Roberts.

268 IWMRI, p. 506. 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 602, p. 156.

269 Isle of Wight County Will Book 34, p. 123.

270 1850 Census, Family/Dwelling 80, page 151.

271 Census of 1850, Family/Dwelling 949, p. 177.

not have been Nancy's mother, suggesting that Nancy may be a younger sibling of Robert. Robert and Martha had two children.

B. THOMAS BLAND (C1740 – May 14, 1826)²⁷² Pendleton County Virginia/West Virginia would be placed in the same generation as James (1738, A above). Thomas' origins remain unclear and he is first found in the Augusta County Virginia records in 1769, suggesting that if he originated on one of the Tidewater Counties, he migrated west as a young man. He married Margaret _____ about 1763. His children:

(1) John Bland (C1764 – February 1839) was born probably in Augusta County and married Nancy Cunningham a sister of John Cunningham, who married John Bland's younger sister Margaret. They would have married about 1789 and had thirteen children.

(2) Frances Bland (C1766 – before 1850) married John Cunningham about 1787. They had six children.

(3) Henry Bland (April 25, 1770 - March 27, 1853) Henry married (1st) Margaret Weirich (- C1814) about 1790. They had twelve children. Henry married (2nd) Mary Dolly (C1796-1880), about 1815. They had eleven children, so altogether, Henry Bland was the father of twenty three children.

(4) George Bland (C1776 -) died young.
Thomas Bland (C1740-1826) married (2nd) Rachel Shoulders, about 1797.

(5) Susannah Bland (C1800 -) married George Washington Raines (1794-1856) on January 10, 1820, in Pendleton County Virginia. They had twelve children.

(6) Enoch Bland (January 9, 1804 – October 27, 1882) married (1st) Naomi Teter (C1808-1833) on December 5, 1826 and (2nd) Mary Ann Harper (January 8, 1811 – February 10, 1882) on June 23, 1836. Enoch had two children by Naomi Teter, nine children by Mary Ann Harper and a single child by a woman named Catherine Lambert, totaling twelve children.

(7) Elizabeth Bland (1807-1856) married Jessie Davis (1807-1884) on December 23, 1827. They were parents of seven children.

(8) Rachel Bland (C1811 – May 25, 1873) married Johnson Teter on December 31, 1829 and they had seventeen children.

(9) Job Bland (June 11, 1812 – December 28, 1854) married Margaret Cunningham (1822 – 1883) on September 7, 1842 and they had eight children. Whatever else he was Thomas Bland (1740-1826) was father of nine children and grandfather of ninety seven.

²⁷² Thomas and his descendants are discussed thoroughly in AC 12-1, pp. 7-54 passim.

Hardy County: Josiah Bland (June 28, 1820 – September 8, 1898) who has always been closely associated with the Pendleton County Virginia family, but never properly located in a specific family group, was born in Rockingham County Virginia and died in Pike County Ohio. He is buried in Ross County at the Gibson Cemetery.²⁷³ 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. Margaret was the daughter of David Coler (1798 -) and Sarah Hughes ((1799-1865). The parents of Josiah Bland are presently unknown.²⁷⁴ Josiah and Margaret Susan later moved to Ross County Ohio, where Josiah served as a minister at Alma, in Ross County.²⁷⁵

Caroline County: There were two Thomas Blands in Caroline County, discussed at some length previously who would be approximately third generation displayed alongside A and B above:²⁷⁶

- (1) Thomas Bland (C1783/1788 – 1863) who married Mary Bouleware.
- (2) as Bland (C1780 - 1812) there is no record of a marriage but he left four children.

These two Thomas Bland's had children with similar names causing some confusion in who was who.

273 AC 12-1, p. 19. 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 Margaret Sue Coler.

274 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.

275 AC 12-1, p. 19. 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.

276 AC 21-23, pp. 177-185

Also, owing to the emergence of Caroline County from King and Queen County there should be some possibility that this family emerged from the family of William Bland (C1717-1803) of that county

ROBERT BLAND OF GREENBRIER AND MONROE COUNTIES VIRGINIA/WEST VIRGINIA LINE 7

For quite some time discussion about this line has lain dormant, but with assistance by at least four DNA project participants as well as some extremely well documented and helpful traditional research, the line has taken on a new meaning.²⁷⁷

West Virginia gained its statehood in 1863, and Monroe County, which is situated just on the border with Virginia, was created in 1799 from Greenbrier County. Some theories previously propounded by family historians have been validated, some shattered. Most striking is the discovery, via DNA testing, that the line of Reuben Bland (C1790-1843) of Pulaski County Kentucky, previously identified as a separate family is actually a part of the Greenbrier/Monroe County Family. As a result, this family now becomes a large and well defined branch of the Greenbrier/Monroe County Family, headed by Robert Bland (C1734-1795). Other theories that the line of John Bland (C1770-1842) of Cumberland County Kentucky might have been part of this family, has also been challenged by DNA testing. John is said to have married Sarah E. Lee in Monroe/Greenbrier County Virginia about 1799.²⁷⁸

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

A number of Bland families of the Loudon County area migrated to the part of Greenbrier County (West Virginia) that is now Monroe County, West Virginia, where they owned land in the southeastern corner of the county on Turkey Creek and Second Creek. There is also this information: "Robert Bland died in 1795 seems to have been the father of Robert (Anna) of Peters Mountain Valley whose own son was born there in 1784. Children: Robert, 1784-1857; Ester E. (M. James Mckinley, 1813); James (m. India Dawson, 1813); Joshua, (M. Polly Shires, 1807); Joshua, probably a brother, had Robert (M. Elizabeth Hand 1808)."²⁷⁹

Before the new technology of DNA disabused us of our conceits, Morton's allusion to "Loudon County" tempted one to suggest that this line derives from the Northern

²⁷⁷ This updates information contained in AC 18, pp. 40-46. Most of the new information I worked with came from three cousins, Pansylea Willburn, one of the most thorough and detailed researchers in Bland history; Gary Kenneth Bland, John Elmon Bland and Lee Anne Center. The most vital new information, however, comes from the on-going DNA project sponsored by Bland Heritage Foundation, interpreted and organized by Terese Bueker whose excellent work is discussed above p. I am grateful to John Elmon Bland and Gary K. Bland, as well as J.C. Bland and Ronald Uhlis Bland for their willingness to participate in the DNA project and to Pansylea Willburn for her encouragement and nurture.

²⁷⁸ AC 15-17, p. 51. And 6-2, p. 13. The DNA testing for Edward Dewey Blann, descended from this line, indicates that John Bland was not the son of Osborne and Letitia Bland of the Northern Virginia Family group, even though they shared time and space in Cumberland County Kentucky. Further testing of descendants of John Bland and Sarah Lee would be useful.

²⁷⁹ Quoted in AC 2-2, p. 14. It also should be noted that one of my correspondents informed me that the Peters Mountain Valley in Monroe County is not the same as the one in Pendleton County Virginia, AC 12-1, p. 9. I cannot locate the e-mail at this time.

Virginia Group (Family #2 above, pp . 28-32), which had representation in Loudon County.²⁸⁰ This temptation is reinforced by the long-time presence in Greenbrier, Monroe and Kanawha Counties of:

JESSE BLAND (1756-1835) Jesse made his will April 16, 1835. His pension claim establishes his age as 76 in 1832 that he served as a private in the American Revolution in two enlistments between 1776-1779. Jesse stated that he enlisted in 1776 with Captain Arbuckle and served in the 13th Regiment of the Continental Line. Jesse stated that after his enlistment he was sent to Point Pleasant at the Kanawha River and was commanded by General Hand. He described his military service as perilous scouting work. In his pension application, dated February 13, 1833 in Kanawha County, Jesse remembered being a long time resident of Greenbrier County when he enlisted and that he returned there after his enlistment and also later lived in Monroe County and Kanawha Counties. He mentions the safety of his family as a motive for engaging in scouting parties to the Ohio River, after his initial enlistment. In 1779, he volunteered to deliver cattle and flour to the military Garrison at Point Pleasant.²⁸¹ Family historian Pansylea Willburn writes:

Then, after Jesse served in the Revolution, he returned to Greenbrier and lived by Robert Jr. Jesse was an Indian spy and in 1780 he was in Greenbrier petitioning along with a whole group of men, the Greenbrier legislature, to increase pay for the Indian spies, because they weren't making enough to enable them to leave their crops to go out on spying tours. . . by 1783, Jesse was captured by the Indians and taken to Canada. He either escaped or was released and made his way back to Greenbrier in time for the 1786/1787 tax list, where he and Robert Sr. again together, were taxed on personal goods but not land. This continued until they both entered the land they had lived on for so long in 1793.²⁸²

Gary Bland has found that Jesse was granted 220 acres in Greenbrier in 1793 along Second Creek, a Bland stronghold in Greenbrier County mentioned by Morton above. Again in 1799, he acquired another 109 acres on Second Creek.²⁸³ Under ordinary circumstances, information like this would compel one to believe that Morton's Robert Bland Sr. and Jesse Bland were closely related; however, that as well as a lot of other theories I entertained in a former essay have disintegrated by DNA evidence. Four members of the Greenbrier family have been tested thus far and comprise Group E (DNA, above, pp 27, esp. p. 23). These are two men whose family lines have been established by traditional genealogy to be part of the Greenbrier family and two men who heretofore were part of a discreet family in Pulaski County Kentucky, whose test results are dead on with the other two. They are clearly not compatible with Group A, the Northern Virginia Family.

280 Loudon County Virginia was formed in 1757 from Fairfax County which in turn was formed in 1742 from Prince William County.

281 Last will and Testament of Jesse Bland April 16, 1835; Pension Application for a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, Jesse Bland was initiated October 8, 1832, as Claim 7003. Processed February 13, 1833, approved February 21, 1833. Greenbrier was not formed until 1777 but from a distance of 56 years, Jesse must have remembered his residence as Greenbrier.

282 E-mail, Pansylea Willburn to Charles L. Bland, February 26, 2008.

283 E-mail, Gary Bland to Pansylea Willburn et. al. February 27, 2008.

Yet Jesse Bland clearly attests in his pension claim that he was born in Prince William County Virginia, center for the Northern Virginia Family. Unfortunately for genealogical nuts, "the names of his parents are not stated," and much to our frustration, though Jesse stated that his age was recorded in a Family Bible in possession of his brother when he left Prince William County, he didn't trouble to identify the name of this brother. Perhaps this was because by the time he left Northern Virginia, he had been for over a decade in custody of legal guardians and his parents were dim memories. A Court Order dated December 7, 1767 Dettingen Parish, Prince William County identifies Jesse as the orphan of John Bland and places him in custody of John Thorn.²⁸⁴ The presence of a brother is attested by the existence of an older and younger John Bland in a bond book for Prince William County which identifies "John Bland, dec; John Bland Adm; William Carr, Adm. Nov 7, 1763." Earlier, however, June 7, 1762, John's widow Patience was identified as executor and John named Edward Gwatkins and his nephew Benjamin Bland (C1724-1771) as bondsmen, with no mention of a son John. Benjamin Bland was the son of James Bland (C1687-1756) who was the brother of John Bland (C1688-1763). Subsequently an order on July 10, 1762 explicitly referred to the two Johns as Senior and Junior. This would seem to argue that the younger John Bland identified above was a minor at the time of original estate, but had turned 21 by November 7, 1763, suggesting a birth year of about 1742. This younger John is thought to be the "brother" mentioned by Jesse. It has also long been believed that he was also the husband of Rachel Bland (- 1799) of Washington County Kentucky, though lately some doubts about that have been raised.²⁸⁵

When Jesse left Prince William is not stated, but may be assumed to be in his later teen years just before the on-set of the Revolution in 1776. In his will Jesse left all his worldly goods to one Henry Hoke, suggesting that he never married. At present I strongly believe that Jesse, with dates (C1756-1835) even though he may have lived among them, is not a blood relation of the Blands of Greenbrier/Monroe County, who now seem to be a distinct line.²⁸⁶ A series of marriages between 1793 and 1797 in Greenbrier County²⁸⁷ of Bland women, indicates an on-going family that ended in Monroe County after the 1799 division.

ADAM BLAND (May 31, 1821 - C1861) Adam is another example of an interloper in the Greenbrier/Monroe County family. He was born in Pendleton County Virginia and is the son of Henry Bland (1770-1853) by his second wife, Mary Dolly. He may have been killed in the Civil War. Edith Lanning, principal historian of the Pendleton County family, indicated that Adam enlisted April 1861 with Company A, 25th Virginia regiment, CSA, and that he died in service. It's also possible that Adam was a Methodist minister who preached in California and Pennsylvania. In 1850, he was in Monroe County, living with Ellen Bland (C1831 -).²⁸⁸

284 Prince William County Order Book, December 7, 1767, quoted in E-mail, Gary Bland to Lee Anne Center, February 21, 2008.

285 Prince William County Virginia Bond Book for 1753-1782, p. 3 and Prince William County Virginia Order book for 1761-1769. Issues raised by this document are discussed in AC 1-2, p. 7, 2-1, p. 11 and 2-2 pp. 12-13 and AC 21-23, pp. 129-130.

286 This, of course, remains hypothetical, subject to proof. See AC 4-2, pp. 7-8. E-mail, Gary Bland to Lee Anne Center, February 21, 2008.

287 John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al. February 26, 2008. This e-mail, cited inter alia contains a lengthy list of marriages and births in Giles, Greenbrier and Monroe Counties.

288 Adam is identified in the 1850 Census for Monroe County Virginia in dwelling 673, family 685. He is discussed in AC 12-1, p. 39

If one extrapolates approximate dates from Morton's paragraph (based on 25 year generational intervals) the eldest Monroe County Robert Bland would have been born about 1734.

ROBERT BLAND (C1734-1795) perhaps from Loudon County Virginia. ²⁸⁹

1. **ROBERT BLAND** (C1759- before 1814) married Anna _____ about 1783 and lived in Peters Mountain Valley.

(A) **ROBERT BLAND** (C1784- October 22, 1857) was a Carpenter, married to or living with Sarah Coffey, (C1800-) whom he married in Monroe County on September 30, 1850, ²⁹⁰ with possibly a grandson named Benjamin F. Bland (C1844-) who is listed as (deaf and dumb). One of his children appears to be:

(1) **George Washington Bland** (C1810-) ²⁹¹ a carpenter, married Nancy "Polly" Campbell (C1817-) On October 18, 1836 in Monroe County. Their children:

(a) **Mary J. Bland** (C1841-). Misty Gandara of Manhattan Kansas, wrote me that her Great Great Grandmother, was Mary Jane, who married Jacob Shires about 1862. ²⁹²

(b) **James Madison Bland** (C1843 – March 6. 1866)

(c) **Ellen Bland** (C1846-).

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

(2) **Uriah F. Bland** (C1812 – living in 1850) ²⁹³ The close proximity and similar names for their children suggests strongly that George W. Bland and Uriah Bland were brothers. Uriah married Nancy Bland (C1811-) on June 25, 1834. How Nancy and Uriah might be related is unknown. Their children: ²⁹⁴

(a) **Elizabeth Bland** (C1836-)

(b) **Madison Bland** (C1839 -)

(c) **Robert Bland** (C1841-) A Robert Bland listed as age 30, married Mary Ann Allen (C1856 -) on April 2, 1874 in Monroe County.

289 I am grateful to John E. Bland for a list of marriages in Monroe County Va. Which are cited in the following narrative, E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland, July 11, 2008.

290 Robert is identified in the 1850 Census Family 466, Dwelling 457. E-Mail, John Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al, February 26, 2008.

291 George Washington Bland is found in the 1850 Census for Monroe County Virginia, dwelling 461, family 470.

292 E-Mail, Misty Gandara to Charles Bland, February 1, March 21 and 24 and October 8, 2000. Cf, E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland, July 11, 2008, Mary Jane Bland married Jack A. Shires, March 30, 1838.

293 In the 1850 Census, Uriah is family 461, living in dwelling number 452.

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

(d) Jonathan Bland (C1844 – March 22, 1914). Jonathan was a Civil War Veteran. He enlisted June 15, 1864 in Augusta County Virginia and served in Company C, 60th Regiment Infantry. Jonathan was captured at Waynesboro Virginia on March 2, 1865. He was paroled from the Union Army on June 19, 1865. His physical characteristics are given as 5' 10" with dark hair and brown eyes. On October 5, 1874, Jonathan married Ellen Hutchison (September 10, 1851 – January 23, 1907) who was born in Fincastle/Botetourt County Virginia. Both are buried at Mt. Pleasant cemetery in Sink Groves in Monroe County. They were the parents of seven children.²⁹⁵

(e) Benjamin Bland (c1844-).

(f) George Bland (C1847-).

B. JOSHUA BLAND (C1786 – July 15, 1843) Joshua served with an Indiana Company in the Black Hawk War. He married Polly Shires (C1790 – 1850) on October 27, 1807 in Monroe County Virginia.²⁹⁶ Both Joshua and Polly died in Knox County. Joshua's marriage license shows him to be the son of Robert and Anna Bland as stated by Morton above. He moved his family to Ohio and by 1829 in Fountain County Indiana and in 1833, to Cedar Township, Knox County Illinois, where he opened a grist mill. They were buried on the farm they established in 1833. Joshua and Polly had a family of two sons and seven daughters, of whom information is known about the following:²⁹⁷

(1) Mary Ann Bland (C1818 -) was born in Williamsport Virginia. She married Samuel Smith April 17, 1840. Mary is called the oldest daughter in the reunion Paper of the late Thirties

(2) Hannah Bland married Vinton Massie December 28, 1843.

(3) Nancy Bland (deceased by 1917) married John Williamson on February 28, 1844. They had four children.

(4) Rebecca Bland married Jesse B. Pierce May 14, 1835.

(5) Symprona Bland (April 20, 1827 – April 3, 1917) was born in Crawford County Indiana. Her earliest memories were of her siblings playing with local Indian children, and wigwams standing just outside the settlement. She married James Williamson (-January 25, 1901) on July 4, 1844. James and Symprona were parents of fourteen children.

²⁹⁵ E-Mail, Ethel Hanks to Charles L. Bland, September 6, 1999 and Debra Bland engholm to Charles L. Bland, July 27, 2003.

²⁹⁶ E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al, February 26, 2008. I believe a record showing John Bland marrying Polly Shires the same date is a transposition error. John's e-mail contained a lengthy list is marriages in Monroe County.

²⁹⁷ Information provided for Joshua Bland's family by Jane McGuire, Anchorage Alaska, includes Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900; A History of Cedar Township, from Portrait and Biographical Album of Knox County (Chicago: 1886); invitation to 50th anniversary of Symprona Bland and James Williamson, July 4, 1894; Obituary of Symprona Bland Williamson, April 3, 1917; Paper delivered at the Williamson-Schwartz Family Reunion during the late 1930s. Also, E-Mail, Mary Ann Hanson to Charles L. Bland, May 21, 2001.

(6) Henry Bland (C1826 -) Henry was in Knox County Illinois in 1850. He married (1st) Sylvester _____ (C1830 -) married (2nd) Sarah Kirtley December 30, 1897.²⁹⁸

(7) Unknown Daughter (-C1840) married William Bevins.²⁹⁹

(8) Unknown Daughter married Mitchell Gar

(9) Sylvester Bland (1829 – January 3, 188) was born in Fountain County Indiana and was in Knox County Illinois by 1850. Sylvester married America Ann Williamson (C1832 – 1902) on October 25, 1850 in Tazewell County Illinois. Later he lived in Keokuk County Iowa. Their son was:

(a) William Henry Bland (March 10, 1852 -) was born in Knox County Illinois. He married MarY Colborn in Keokuk County Iowa March 9, 1875.

(C) CHILD, Name Unknown (C1790-) (See discussion re Rueben Bland of Pulaski County Kentucky below, p.136)

(D) ESTHER E. BLAND (C1792 –) married James T. McKinney September 7, 1813 in Monroe County Virginia. An Esther Bland also married Martin Snodgrass on April 9, 1818.³⁰⁰

(E) JAMES BLAND (C1795 – died C1870)³⁰¹ married Ida, Idia or India Virginia Dawson (C1799-) on July 31, 1813 in Monroe County Virginia. They subsequently moved to Pearisburg in Giles County Virginia.³⁰² They had a large family that included, most but probably not all of the following:³⁰³

(1) Isaac Bland (C1814 – November 13, 1888)³⁰⁴ was born in Giles County Virginia and died in Popular Hills, Giles County Virginia. Isaac was a soldier for the CSA, enlisting May 6, 1864 and paroled by the Union June 13, 1865. In his non-military life, Isaac was a carpenter and he married Ann Heaven (C1820 -) in Wythe County Virginia April 15, 1838. Their family included:³⁰⁵

298 1850 Census for Knox County Illinois, Dwelling 864, Family 879. Henry and Sylvester were living on a boarding house run by Rebecca Martin.

299 "History of Cedar Township" noted above.

300 E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al., February 26, 2008.

301 James is identified in the 1850 Census of Giles County Virginia in dwelling 649, family 442. The 1870 date is given by John Bland, e-mail to Charles L. Bland, February 19, 2008.

302 Considerable information about James R. and Ida Bland's family is included in E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles Bland February 19, 2008. E-mail, Lee Anne Center to Wilma Bland, January 1, 2008, states that Abraham Peter witnessed the permissions to marry that Robard Bland and Isaac Dawson signed so James and Ida could marry.

303 We must assume that this characterization was flawed and inaccurate, and needs refinement. Some of the children identified in the 1860 census belonging to James and Ida must have been grandchildren or nieces and nephews. Ida's age, 51 in 1850, 61 in 1860, becomes an issue regarding children born after 1850, and also, there are three boys named William, a replication of names that is unheard of. I identified 19 children. A woman named Jo Ann Tickle identified eleven children. E-Mail, Lee Anne Center to Charles L. Bland, March 24, 2008. The true number is probably somewhere in between.

304 Isaac is identified in the 1850 Census of Giles County Virginia in dwelling 696, family 689.

305 E-Mail, John Bland to Charles L. Bland, March 5 and March 28, 2008. To be paroled by the Union, meant that the Confederate soldier had sworn allegiance to

- (a) Sarah Jane Bland (C1841-) married William H. Thompson on December 18, 1855 in Giles County Virginia.
- (b) Cynthia May Bland (C1844-) married William Riley King (C1837-) in Giles County Virginia on June 14, 1860.³⁰⁶
- (c) Tyler Bland (C1846-)
- (d) William D. Bland (C1847 -) married Mary Jane Woodyard. about 1866. They had at least one son, Charles W. Bland (January 21, 1877 -).
- (e) James E. Bland (C1848-) married Emma V. Pugh March 17, 1867 in Giles County Virginia or March 29, 1871 in Monroe County.
- (f) John H. Bland (January 25, 1855 -) May have been the man who married Nancy J. Humphreys (C1863 -) on October 15, 1891.³⁰⁷
- (g) David Nye Bland (March 17, 1857 -) David married Mary Elizabeth _____ (C1859 - 1889) about 1875. David and Mary Elizabeth had three children. According to family oral tradition, David deserted his children after his wife's death and in 1920 was found in the census living in St. Petersburg Florida. He remarried and lived near Brunswick Georgia.³⁰⁸
- (2) Mariah Bland (C1816-) born in Giles County Virginia. There is no known record that Mariah married.³⁰⁹
- (3) Elizabeth Bland (C1822-) Born in Giles County Virginia, married Francis M. Thompson on May 15, 1843 in Giles County Virginia.
- (4) Orleany Bland (C1823 -) was born in Giles County Virginia. She married William Reunion on June 18, 1850 in Giles County.
- (5) Ellen Jane Bland (February 7, 1825 – January 22, 1890). Married Madison William Flick on February 26, 1842 in Giles County Virginia.
- (6) Nancy D. Bland (C1827-1861) Married James Cloyd Ritter On August 12, 1850 in Giles County Virginia.

the United States.

306 Lee Anne Center to Pansylea Willburn et. Al, February 24, 2008.

307 E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al. February 26, 2008

308 Robert Smith Bland (April 6, 1883- August 2, 1961) who married Letha Ila Hullender in 1900, was the son of David Nye Bland and the grandfather of my correspondent Robert P. King. Letter, Robert P. King to Charles L. Bland, June 16, 2000. E-Mail, Robert P. King to Charles L. Bland, February 5, 2001. Cousin King relates that some eight years before he died, his grandfather Robert Smith Bland began having a series of small strokes, and Cousin King's mother reported that "with each stroke, he got a little nicer." As he neared death Robert Smith Bland also altered the story about his father, saying that David Nye Bland deserted about 1889, but that Mary Elizabeth his wife, did not die, as previously reported. Robert King to Lee Anne Center, May 26, 2007.

309 Which of course doesn't mean that she never married. A record exists of Mariah Bland delivering a child out of wedlock on Walker's Creek in Bland County, a white male born out of wedlock October 7, 1859, who died November 22, 1859. E-mail, Lee Anne Center to Gary K. Bland, March 22, 2008.

- (7) Sarah Bland (C1830-) Born in Giles County Virginia. Given the variability of dates in census records for this family, it could have been Sarah that married Charles Lowery on November 4, 1844. If not, perhaps John Smith, May 21, 1849, perhaps both.³¹⁰
- (8) Rebecca Bland (C1832 -) was born in Giles County, where she married Isaac Wiseman on July 22, 1856.
- (9) Aurena Bland (C1834 -)
- (10) Malinda Bland (C1838- living in 1880) Born in Giles County Virginia. Malinda married (1st) James Williams and (2nd) Phillip H. Anderson on September 27, 1868. They had a daughter.³¹¹

(a) Nannie Anderson

(11) William D. Bland (April 4, 1838 – April 17, 1897) Born in Giles County Virginia and died at Denver, Johnson County Kentucky. He was a soldier for the CSA, enlisting May 6, 1864 and paroled by the Union on May 12, 1865. He served with the 4th (later 11th) or Virginia. William married Serilda Jane Evans (August 1, 1839 -) on May 1, 1862 in Johnson County Kentucky. Their children include:

(a) John Wesley Bland (December 25, 1865 – May 23, 1938), was born at Denver, Johnson County Kentucky and died at Raceland, Greenup County Kentucky. He married Mary LeMaster (March 1, 1867 – May 26, 1952) on December 24, 1889.³¹²

(b) William Sylvester Bland (C1853 -) married Martha Jane Caves on August 11, 1872 in Montgomery County Virginia.³¹³

(12) Eliza Bland (C1840-) Married John W. Caves April 12, 1866 in Giles County Virginia. They had the following children, two at least which pre-date Eliza and John's marriage:³¹⁴

(a) John H. Caves (C1862 -)

(b) Sarah A. Caves (C1865 -)

(c) Mary E. Caves (C1867 -) married Archibald s. Coldwell.

310 E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al, February 26, 2008.

311 E-Mail, Ted Jankowski to Charles L. Bland, October 20, 2002.

312 E-mail, John E. Bland to Teerese Bueker, November 11, 2007. John Wesley Bland is the grandfather of correspondent and DNA participant John Elmon Bland.

313 AC 8-1, p. 38.

314 Edward Caudill, "The Bland Family: a Biographical Sketch" undated, hereafter called Caudill.

- (d) Junna B. Caves (C1873 -) married frank M. Gravely.
- (e) Willie A. Caves (C1875 -)
- (f) Charles R. Caves (1877 -)
- (g) Cynthia E. Caves (1879 -)
- (h) Ollie Grace Caves (C1880 -) married john Thompson on December 29, 1897 in Mercer County West Virginia. By 1910, Ollie was living in Denver Colorado and was remarried to _____ Lotz.
- (i) Bessie Lee Caves (C1882 -) married Samuel Preston.
- (j) James Tyler Caves (C1883 – April 7, 1963) married Bertha Martin Belcher (C1876 - November 18, 1968) . Both died and are buried at Princeton, Mercer County west Virginia.
- (k) Rosa Lee Caves (May 7, 1886 - June 6, 1952) is called by her grandson Eddie Caudill “a very small lady, she being only 4’ 9’ tall and weighing in at about 90 pounds.” Rosa married Oscar S. Byrd August 8, 1901 at Bramwell, Mercer County West Virginia. They lived in the town of Pulaski, Pulaski County Virginia. Rosa died at Beckley West Virginia.

(12) William H. Bland (C1845 -) William enlisted in the CSA August 5, 1863, as a private in Company I, 36th Virginia Infantry. He was paroled June 24, 1864 and must have seen active duty with the Union Forces for he was wounded and hospitalized August 17, 1864. He was identified at height 5’8” hazel eyes and dark hair.

(13) James Madison Bland (March 1844 – April 30, 1896) born in Giles County Virginia. He was a coal miner and was ordained a gospel minister for the Herman Baptist Church in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory June 12, 1892 and was a circuit rider.³¹⁵ James served in the Civil War on the rebel side as a private for Company I of the 36th Regiment, Virginia Infantry. He enlisted in Giles County on April 16, 1862, was captured, hospitalized and paroled with honor after swearing a loyalty oath to the Union, on June 23, 1865. His physical characteristics are age 21, 5’9” dark complexion and hair and black eyes.³¹⁶ James married (1st) Elizabeth G. Cubine (C1845 – C1883) in Washington County Virginia on August 11, 1867.³¹⁷ By 1880, they were in Montague County Texas, He married (2nd) Martha Jane Cantley (C1861 - 1892) May 15, 1884 in Sebastian

315 Ordination Certificate for James M. Bland, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, June 12, 1892, furnished by lee Anne Center.

316 Statement of Parole of Honor, James M. Bland. Military record of James M. Bland, in E-mail, Lee Anne Center to Charles L. Bland, June 1, 2007 The parole is basically a pledge to be a good citizen of the United States.

317 Marriage licence of James M. Bland and Elizabeth Cubine, August 11, 1867, Washington County Virginia, provided by Lee Anne Center.

County Arkansas³¹⁸ and (3rd) Mrs. E.C. Starr on August 6, 1893 in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.³¹⁹ The 1880 Census of Montague County Texas identifies James and Elizabeth with five children, of whom two were:

- (a) W.A. Bland (C1867 -) Married Lizzie Wills on November 18, 1902.
 - (b) Emanuel L. Bland (C1868 -) Emanuel was born in Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory and married Edith Thurman (C1871 -) July 31, 1892.
 - (c) James P Bland (C1875 -) married Ida Nixon (C1880 -) on November 28, 1897.
 - (d) Ira Bland (C1879 -) was born in Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, and married Lee Watson (C1882-) on July 24, 1900.
 - (e) Riley Edward Bland (February 8, 1881 – living May 13, 1937)³²⁰
James Madison Bland and Martha Cantley had three children:
 - (f) Mary Bland (C1886 -)
 - (g) Benjamin Franklin Bland (April 1, 1887- September 26, 1974) was born in Indianola, Indian Territory Oklahoma. He married Edna Armantha Williams (- 1928).³²¹
 - (h) Ida N. Bland (c1890 -)
- (14) Newton Bland (C1847 -) born in Giles County Virginia.
- (15) John J. Bland (C1851 -)
- (16) William S. Bland (C1852 -) (18) Harriet E. Bland (C1854 -)
- (17) Erastus Bland (C1859 -) Erastus Bland was enumerated with the family of James Bland and Ida Dawson but its problematic that they were his parents. Ida would have been 60 when he was born.³²²

318 Marriage License of James M. Bland and Martha Cantley, Sebastian County Arkansas, May 14, 1884.

319 Lee Anne Center to Charles L. Bland, November 17, 18, 19, 28, and December 11, 2007. James was certified as age 21 when he was discharged from the military in June 1865. A letter written by James' son Benjamin Franklin Bland indicates he was born in March 1844. The marriage license indicated James was the son of James R. Bland and Virginia Bland and that they were married in Bland County Virginia. This is reasonable in that Bland County was formed in 1861 in part from Giles County. Giles may simply have represented his birthplace as the area that became Bland County. A number of sons in Giles and Monroe County were named James Madison Bland after the death of the fourth president in 1836. Marriage information for Elizabeth Cubine is detailed in Vital records for Washington County Virginia, sent to Lee Anne Center by Rita Holtz a Librarian for the Alexandria Virginia Special Collections.

320 Application for Social Security Card, Edward Riley Bland, May 13, 1937.

321 Benjamin and Edna are grandparents of my correspondent and DNA participant Gary K. Bland. E-mail, Gary K. Bland to Terese Bueker, February 22, 2008.

322 Lee Anne Center has found a death certificate for Rastus Decmus Bland, (July 24, 1858 – January 29, 1936), filed in Blacksburg, Montgomery County Virginia. Rastus' wife was Annie Lee Bland and his parents are noted as John and Sirah Snider Dessing Bland.

2. JOSHUA BLAND (C1761-)

(A) ALEXANDER BLAND (C1782-)³²³ a laborer found in the 1850 census (dwelling 510) with Ida _____ (1812-) possibly a wife or daughter. Alexander married (1st) Sally Bostic on January 10, 1803 and (2nd) Elizabeth Davis on January 16 1843 both in Monroe County and appears to have also married Mary Boyer. Their children:

(1) Abigail Bland married Thomas Bostic December 12, 1809 in Monroe County.

(2) Joseph Bland (C1803-)³²⁴ a farmer, married to Margaret Steele (C1812-) in 1829. Their children were:³²⁵

(a) Louisa Bland (C1830 -)

(b) Sally Bland (C1831 -)

(c) Eliza Bland (C1833-).

(d) Phebe Bland (C1836-).

(e) Thomas Bland (C1838-).

(f) Augustus Bland (C1840-)

(g) Matthew Bland (C1844-).

(h) Isabel Bland (C1846-) married Augustes C. Wickiline in Monroe County, December 13, 1866.

(3) Moses Bland (C1812-1855) married to Rebecca Steele (C1820-) whom he married on June 25, 1834 in Monroe County. Their children:³²⁶

(a) Alexander G. Bland (April 4, 1836 – February 14, 1907). Alexander was a Civil War Veteran, serving with the Union Forces under Captain Thomas A. Bryan's West Virginia Battery. Alexander enlisted March 27, 1862 and served as an ambulance driver. He was captured at Cedar Creek , October 19, 1864 and was detained at Harper's Ferry until War's end. He was released and discharged June 23, 1865. His enlistment papers show him to be over six feet tall, with brown hair and blue eyes.³²⁷ His photo, displayed in Among Cousins, Volume 18, suggests

³²³ Alexander is found in the 1850 Census for Monroe County Virginia in dwelling 521, family 510.

³²⁴ Joseph is identified in the census of 1850 for Monroe County Virginia as dwelling 508, family 519.

³²⁵ AC 4-2, p. 29. E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland, July 11, 2008, identifies older daughters Louisa and Sarah as children of Joseph Bland "son of Alexander and Sally Bostic as was Moses".

³²⁶ Moses family is identified in the census of 1850, dwelling 516. E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al. February 26, 2008.

³²⁷ J.L. Scott, Lowry's Bryan's and Chapman's Batteries of Virginia Artillery.

you shouldn't say anything bad about his ma and let him hear it. Alexander married (1st) Elizabeth Sumpter by whom he had two children. Alexander married (2nd) Jennette Counts (C1839 - March 2, 1929) on December 28, 1865. Both are buried at Carmel Cemetery in Gap Mills West Virginia. They had seven children.
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(b) Sally Bland (C1838-)

(c) Jane Bland, (C1840-)

(d) Margaret Bland (C1844-)

(e) Ida Bland, (C1847-)

(f) William Bland (C1849-)

(4) Jonathan Bland, (C1820-) married to Sarah Steele (C1820-) a daughter of George Steele in January 13, 1847. Their children:

(a) Sidney Bland (Female, C1847-) married William Archer December 31, 1868 in Monroe^e County West Virginia.³²⁹

(b) Polina Bland (C1849-)

Also, a girl named Phebe Bland (C1836-) lived in this household.

B.ROBERT BLAND (C1787 -) married Elizabeth Hand on May 12, 1808 in Monroe County Virginia.³³⁰

1. **REUBEN BLAND** (c1790-1843)³³¹ Heretofore, Reuben's family origins have stubbornly resisted discovery. One of the pleasant surprises in DNA testing during the past few years is that two male descendants of the family, J.C. Bland and Ronald Uhlig Bland, not only matched each other, but were spot on matches with two participants from Greenbrier/Monroe Family. What this means is that Reuben was part of the Greenbrier/Monroe family before he migrated to Kentucky. The question is how does he fit? One possibility, indeed what seems most likely is that he is the missing child of Robert Bland (C1759 – before 1814) above. Note the typology of Robert's children, which include:

Robert Bland (C1784-1857)

Joshua Bland (C1786 -)

Unknown Child (1790 -)

328 Alexander and Jennette's great Grandson Steve Bland of Danville Illinois provided this information., see AC 9-1, pp. 41-42. A photograph of Alexander Bland appears in AC 9-1, p. 42. Also useful was an e-mail from Donna Huffer, March 27, 2007.

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

330 Marriages, Greenbrier, Monroe and Westmoreland County Virginia, in E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland February 26, 2008.

331 In what follows, I will identify four generations of the family of Reuben Bland (1790-1843) which was last updated by me in AC 15-17, pp. 82-88.

Esther Bland (C1792 -)

James Bland (C1795 -)

How the "Unknown Child" born in 1790 came to be known is a puzzle to me. The answer may be in cumulative research over the years, someone examined the 1800 and 1810 census data and spotted a child whose identity could not be reconciled with what is known. Whether this was Reuben is not known, it just seems like a most likely spot for him. He could also have been a child of Joshua Bland (C1761-).

Pansylea Willburn, who has written most about Reuben Bland's family and descendants, doesn't have an explanation for what prompted his move from Greenbrier:

As far as I know, Reuben came, on horseback and alone, to Wayne County, Kentucky by 1813. He is in a militia group then that organized and marched off to the War of 1812. If he had any Bland connections there they don't show in records. It is interesting that he immediately associated with another family from Greenbrier, via Madison County Kentucky—the West family, and married the daughter of deceased William West in February 1814. As far as I know, he never returned to the Greenbrier area, but he did choose the Bland names, Robert, Anna, Joshua and Esther, for some of his children, but no James.
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Whatever the reason, Reuben was in southern Kentucky by 1813, first in Wayne County and later in Pulaski County, formed in 1799 by Green and Lincoln Counties. Wayne County was formed in 1801 from Pulaski.³³³ Reuben's approximate dates are (1780/1790- 1843/1850). His daughter Neptha confirmed that he was born in Virginia.³³⁴

Reuben served in the Wayne County 90th Regiment of the Kentucky Militia in the War of 1812, under Captain Shrewsbury.³³⁵ As early as 1813, Reuben was on the tax rolls of Wayne County Kentucky and was last found in public records in 1843.³³⁶ Reuben married Dicey West (C1790- after 1850) in Wayne County Kentucky on or about February 1, 1814.³³⁷ Reuben and Dicey lived on an eighty-acre plot on Forbus Watercourse in Pulaski County. All of his children were born there. After Reuben's death in the 1840s, Dicey and four of her daughters (Easter, Margaret, Polly A. and Neptha) lived with George G. and Huldah Murphy and their children in Casey County. By 1853/1854, all of Reuben and Dicey's children except William (C1815-1879), who remained in Pulaski County, had left Casey County for a of Hardin, Grayson and Breckenridge Counties. Reuben Bland and Dicey West were parents of the following children:

332 E-mail, Pansylea Willburn to Charles L. Bland, June 28, 2008.

333 VU, pp. 479-483, AC 1-1, p. 9. AC 4-2, p. 39-40; AC 15-17, pp. 82-88. The primary researcher with whom I have had contact regarding this line is Pansy Lea Willburn of San Modesto California, who provided the original material for A Vision of Unity and submitted to me "Reuben Bland of Wayne and Pulaski Counties, Kentucky," about March 15, 1999, hereafter called Willburn. In what follows, I yield to Pansylea's expertise on this family line and accept her modification of minor variances in dates and names, and her definition of this family's surname as Bland, rather than Blan. I have also been aided by insights provided by Leah McCathy of Mobile Alabama and Joseph R. Van Bogart of Louisville Kentucky.

334 Reuben was bondsman to the marriage of his daughter Nancy in 1841 and he was not found in the 1850 Census.

335 AC 1-1, p. 9.

336 Willburn states that there was a Mary Bland in Wayne County in 1806 married to John Perkins, but no evidence linking her to Reuben has been found.

337 Dicey West was the daughter of William and Zerinea West. The West family had arrived in Wayne County Kentucky, in 1809, from Madison County Kentucky, and earlier had lived in Greenbrier and Montgomery Counties Virginia.

A. WILLIAM BLAND (C1815-1879) William was born in Pulaski County and appears to have lived his life there. William married (1st) Pheraby Burton (1816-1875) on August 13, 1835 in Wayne County and (2nd) Eliza Dagley (C1840-) on December 17, 1876. Eliza remarried to William T. Floyd on February 28, 1880. With Pheraby Burton, William had the following children:³³⁸

- (1) George Alfred Caldweil Bland (C1849/1850-), who married (1st) Rhoda McHagan (1861-) on June 26, 1879 and (2nd) Nancy Eastham (1852-) on May 22, 1881.
- (2) William Shelby Bland (April 15, 1852 - February 26, 1914) who married Lucinda Vanhoozer on January 14, 1872.
- (3) Thomas N. Bland (August 31, 1855 - March 15, 1889), who married Mary Ann Barnett (1858-) from Tennessee on August 19, 1874.
- (4) Albert G.T. Bland (November 2, 1857 - February 10, 1929), who married Sarah Ellen Chumbley (June 8, 1862 - January 11, 1932). Albert and Sarah died in Pulaski County.

B. JOSHUA BLAND (C1818-after 1872) Born in Pulaski County, Joshua was in Casey County in 1850. Joshua married (1st) Nancy Rabourn (C1824-ante 1854) and (2) Malvina Richardson, (C1834-) on April 23, 1854 in Casey County. Joshua had joined his other siblings in Breckenridge County Kentucky by 1869 and was still there in 1872, after his brothers Robert and Walker had left. By Nancy Rabourn, Joshua had:

- (1) William R. Bland (C1843-)
- (2) Manerva S. Bland (C1844-)
- (3) Polly Bland (C1845-)
- (4) John Alfred Caldwell Bland (C1848/1849-)
- (5) Isabel Bland (C1851 -)
- (6) Matilda A. Bland (July 24, 1857 -)
- (7) Sallie Bland (January 1860 -)
- (8) Nancy E. Bland (May 25, 1861 -)

338 For deeper information on the line of William Bland and Pheraby Burton, who was previously called Phoebe Phearsby, see AC 7-2, pp. 24-26.

C. ANN BLAND (C1820 - after 1863) Ann was born in Pulaski County where she married Stephenson Whitaker (-1860) on May 4, 1841.³³⁹ In the 1860 census Ann is shown living with Easter Bland, her sister. Children of Ann Bland and Stephenson Whitaker were:

- (1) Reuben Whitaker (C1841-)
- (2) Catherine Whitaker (C1844-)
- (3) Luvie Whitaker (C1848-)
- (4) Samuel Whitaker (C1850 -)
- (5) Nancy Whitaker (C1852-)
- (6) Darcus Whitaker (C1855-)
- (7) Stephen Whitaker (C1860 -)

D. EASTER BLAND (C1822 -) Born in Pulaski County. No marriage record has been found for Easter, who appears in records as Mrs. Easter Bland, with the following children:

- (1) Julia Bland (July 18, 1856 -)
- (2) Nancy Bland (C1858 -)
- (3) J.J. Bland A male (C1862 -)

E. ROBERT BLAND (C1823 – after 1870) Robert was born in Pulaski County. In the late 1860s Robert moved to Pike County Indiana. Prior to that, he lived in Breckenridge County, where he married Nancy Eaden/Eden on October 20, 1855. Before Nancy, Robert was probably married to a woman whose name is unknown. His children were:

- (1) Martha Bland (C1846 -)
- (2) Easter Bland (C1847 -)
- (3) Sarah Bland (C1850 -)

(4) Derinda Bland (April 26, 1855 – May 31, 1929) Derinda was born in Kentucky. She married Origin Robinson on February 5, 1871 in Pike County Indiana. Origin and Derinda moved to Arkansas about 1894. Derinda died in Washington, Sharp County Arkansas. They had six children.³⁴⁰

- (5) Willis Bland (C1855 -) Willis moved from Pike County Indiana to Arkansas.

³³⁹ Reuben Bland, Ann's father, was her bondsman. Ann was previously called Nancy.

³⁴⁰ Derinda is quite likely the ancestor of a new correspondent, Carol Akers. E-Mail Carol Akers to Charles L. Bland, December 24, 1998.

(6) Elizabeth Bland (C1857 -)

(7) Nancy Bland (C1859 -)

F. DICEY BLAND (C1823-) Dicey married William W. Dalton.³⁴¹

G. THOMAS WALKER BLAND (C1828 - after 1870) called Walker, he was born in Pulaski County. Walker lived in Indiana for a time and was last located in Wright County Missouri in the early 1870s. On July 2, 1848, in Casey County, Walker married Louisa Rabourn, (C1828-1863) a sister of Nancy Rabourn who married Walker's older brother Joshua. Louisa died during a small pox epidemic in the mid-1860s and oral history traditions have it that Walker married a Mrs. Pointer or Poyner.³⁴² Walker was in Breckenridge County in 1858 and in Grayson County in 1860. Children of Thomas Walker Bland and Louisa Rabourn were:

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

(a) Dudley Bland

(b) John Bland

(c) Viola Bland

(d) Alice Bland

(e) Elizabeth Bland

(2) John R. Bland (C1849 -)

(3) Margaret Recilla Bland (October 2, 1851 - February 4, 1910) married Elijah Foster Miller in Breckenridge County in July 1868.³⁴³

(4) Penelope Jane Bland (C1852 -)

(5) Joshua Bell Bland (May 15, 1854 - April 27, 1931) Joshua was born in Casey County Kentucky and died at Fort Smith in Sebastian County Arkansas. Joshua is buried at the New Hope Cemetery in Spiro, Leflore County Oklahoma. He married first, on July 26, 1874 in Wright County Missouri, Nancy Elizabeth Casey (April 24, 1858 - March 17, 1927), a daughter of Samuel Henry and Sarah Ann Allen Casey. Nancy was born in Hartville, Wright County Missouri.

³⁴¹ Dicey was not listed by Willburn.

³⁴² For what its worth, John Lewis Bland (C1827-1893) from a family in Green County Kentucky had a son Abner Thomas Bland (1852-1933) who married Sciotha or Scotha Pointer (1855-1904) probably in Casey County, on March 4, 1873, AC 13, p. 34.

³⁴³ Cousin Leah McCarthy descends from this line. AC 2-1, p. 26.

Like her husband, she died at Fort Smith, Sebastian County Arkansas and is buried at Spiro Oklahoma. There were eleven children in this marriage:

- (a) Sarah Triphena Bland (June 11, 1875 – died in infancy). Born in Wright County Missouri.
- (b) Mary Rosetta Bland (June 4, 1877 -) born in Wright County Missouri and married James Gamble.
- (c) Melviney Jane Bland (June 20, 1880 - C1887) Born in Wright County Missouri and died in Missouri.
- (d) Noah Alonzo Bland (March 20, 1882 – after 1916) Born in Wright County Missouri and died in Spiro Oklahoma. Noah married Drucilla Blevins in 1907 at Sequoyah County Oklahoma and in 1916 married Martha Scarberry.³⁴⁴
- (e) Omah E. Bland (September 2, 1884 - died in infancy) born and died in Wright County Missouri.
- (f) Emma Jane Bland (January 29, 1886 – April 13, 1966) Emma was born in Wright County Missouri and died in Tahlequah County Oklahoma. Emma married Charles Samuel Scott in Arkansas on August 4, 1904.
- (g) Ida May Bland (April 30, 1889 - November 14, 1987) was born in Wright County Missouri and died in Modesto, Stanislaus County California. Ida married Oscar Wilson on March 26, 1906 near Muldrow, Sequoyah County Oklahoma. Second, she married Benjamin Harrison Howard at Cachier Creek Church in Leflore County Oklahoma, on May 26, 1917.³⁴⁵
- (h) Mattie Pearl Bland (December 20, 1892 – 1945) Born in Wright County and died at Spiro, Leflore County Oklahoma. She married James Butler.
- (i) Henry Elmer Bland (April 30, 1895 - October 28, 1946) Born in Wright County, Henry died in Leflore County Oklahoma, where he married Dolly McNeese on July 10, 1915.
- (j) Emmett Newton Bland (March 27, 1897 -) born in Wright County, Married Bertha Mitchell in Leflore County Missouri in 1919.
- (k) Verba Magdalene Bland (February 17, 1901 - died at age 10 days) born in Baxter County Arkansas.

³⁴⁴ Noah Alonzo Bland and Drucilla Blevins are grandparents of DNA participant Ronald Uhlis Bland

³⁴⁵ Ida May Bland and Oscar Wilson were the parents of my correspondent Pansylea Willburn.

- (6) Edward R. Bland (C1855 – early 1900s) died at Fort Smith Sebastian County Arkansas. He married Margaret Holloway in Missouri. After Edward's death, two of his sons lived with Joshua Bell Bland at Spiro, LeFlore County Oklahoma.
- (7) Daniel J. Bland (April 4, 1857 – died young). Born in Breckinridge County, Kentucky.
- (8) Roderick W. Bland (C1860 - died young) Born in Grayson County Kentucky.
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- (9) Thomas Bland (C1862 – 1881) Born in Grayson County, died in Wright County Missouri.

H. MARGARET BLAND (C1831-) Margaret was born in Pulaski County. In 1850, Margaret was in the home of G.G. Murphy in Casey County. She married Jesse Soman (or Loman) on February 18, 1855.

I. MARY A. "POLLY" BLAND (C1834/1835 -). By 1850 Mary lived with her mother and sisters in the home of the George C. Murphy family in Casey County, Kentucky. Mary married Henry Eaden in Breckenridge County, November 30, 1854. Henry was probably the brother of Nancy Eaden who married Mary's brother Robert.

J. NEPHTHA BLAND (C1838/1840 -) Also born in Pulaski County, Kentucky, Neptha also lived in Casey County with her mother and sisters at the Murphy home in 1850. Neptha married (1st) Ancil Snelling in Breckenridge County on October 22, 1863 and (2nd) Nugent. Neptha was called Neppy.

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

- ◆ A Genforum Posting by Deborah Bland identifies John Bland (1803-1908) who was married to Elizabeth. John and Elizabeth were parents of David Edward Bland (C1881-1945) who married Maggie Florence Dunbar (1886-1957) raising immediate questions about the age of the older John, who not only would have been unlikely to live to 105 but would be unlikely to father a child at age 78 and even so, his wife would have needed to be around 30 years younger to be the mother. David and Maggie were parents of John Wesley Bland (1906-1957).³⁴⁷
- ◆ Reuben Bland (C1815-)³⁴⁸ married to Mildred Miller (C1813-) on June 13, 1843.³⁴⁹ Their children: Frances Bland (C1843-), Margaret Bland

346 See AC 2-1, p. 24 and AC 6-2, p. 34.

347 Genforum posting by Deborah Bland, June 8, 2003.

348 Reuben is identified in the 1850 Census for Monroe County Virginia, in dwelling647, family 659.

349 E-mail, John Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al., February 26, 2008.

(C1845-), Richard Bland (C1847-), and Caroline Bland (C1849-). Also a boy named James Bland (C1837-) lived in the household.

- ◆ Mary Jane Bland, dates unknown, married William Hall on November 23, 1837 in Monroe County.³⁵⁰
- ◆ Samuel Bland dates unknown, married Sarah Henschman in Monroe County, November 9, 1844.
- ◆ Sidney Bland (C1823-) listed as Elizabeth Lowery in the 1850 census was enumerated in dwelling 652 with George Lowery (C1826-). They were evidently married August 20, 1838 in Monroe County.
- ◆ Benjamin Bland (C1827-) (dwelling 515) married to Margaret or Jane Smith, (C1830-) whom he married on January 24, 1849. Their single child was Candy C. Bland (C1849-).³⁵¹
- ◆ Martha J. Bland (C1842-) living in the household (dwelling 8) of William Crosier (C1784-).
- ◆ Ida Elizabeth Bland was married to Peter Bratton Honaker May 28, 1867.
- ◆ James E. Bland married Emma Pugh in Monroe County on March 29, 1871.
- ◆ The 1880 Census finds Elizabeth Bland (C1806-) living in the household of Charles Edward Mcguire and Elizabeth Ingago Lowry McGuire.
- ◆ Elizabeth Jane Bland married David Stewart Wikiline in 1882.
- ◆ Franklin Greenwood Bland was married to Mary Elizabeth Berry on April 25, 1891 in Monroe County.

NOTES ON DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BLAND OF KING AND QUEEN COUNTY VIRGINIA FAMILY 10

1. WILLIAM BLAND (C1717-1803)

B. WILLIAM BLAND (C1742-1788) married Mary Ann Drummond about 1767.

(1) Robert Bland (C1770-1845) Rober married Mary Catherine Waller about 1799.

(a) Robert Foster Bland (May 3, 1800 – January 31, 1871) known as Colonel Robert Bland married Mary Ann Boyd on November 23, 1826.

(a1) John Robert Bland (1829-1854) married Mary Catherine Kerchival (C1830-1860) on October 4, 1849. My new correspondent Luke Garrett has produced refined information about the third child and daughter:

(1a1) Mary Orrell Bland (January 18, 1854 – February 7, 1925) married Thomas Mutter Garrett (September 14, 1859 – May 24, 1921). Thomas is the brother of Rosa V. Garrett, who married Mary Bland's

³⁵⁰ E-Mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al, February 26, 2008.

³⁵¹ E-mail, John E. Bland to Charles L. Bland et. al, February 26, 2008.

brother Charles Tazewell Bland (1851-1922) on December 7, 1875. Their children were.³⁵²

Mary Bland Garrett (C1887 -)

Lucille Garrett (C1889 -) married Frank Moore.

Thomas Franklin Garrett (November 15, 1890 -) married Beulah Wilson

Kate Burnley Garrett (C1893 -)

Merle Garrett (November 1, 1894 -) married Harry Dudley

Roserly Ruth Garrett (C1897 -)

Cousin Luke Garrett has also provided excellent photographs of Thomas Garrett and his wife Mary Bland as well as a portrait of Mary as a young woman, which I am pleased to display below.

352 AC 9-1, pp. 16-26, esp. pp. 25-26 and E-mails Luke Garrett to Charles L. Bland, June 12 and December 23, 2007, March 17 and April 15, 2008.



Thomas Garrett (1859-1921) and Mary Bland (1854-1925)
Courtesy Luke Garrett



Mary Bland (1854-1925)
Courtesy Luke Garrett

ALLEN LEWIS BLAND (1819-1872) LINE 11

1. ALLEN LEWIS BLAND (October 7, 1819 - 1872) was born in Crown Hill Kanawha County Virginia (later West Virginia)³⁵³ and died in Champagne County Illinois. Allen married (1st) Lucinda. They are possibly the male and female, born between 1810-1820, enumerated in the 1840 census of McDonough County Illinois. If so Allen and his wife were parents of a son born between 1835-1840. Allen Bland, born in Virginia (c1820 -) is enumerated in the 1850 Census of Miami County Indiana, with a wife Lucinda, (1823-) and son Edward, (C1847 -).³⁵⁴ They also were parents of:

A. EDWARD BLAND (c1847-)

B. REBECCA BLAND (C1850 -)

C. MARY BLAND (c1853 -)

D. JOHN BUCHANNAN BLAND³⁵⁵ (July 3, 1857 – October 21, 1933) John was born in Urbana, Champaign County Illinois and died in Springfield, Sangamon County Illinois. He died from pneumonia contracted after he was struck by an automobile. John was a grocer. He married (1st) Clara Tool (C1864 – died between 1900 and 1920) on March 18, 1879 at Urbana Illinois. Their children were:

(1) Lulu Bland (January 1885 -) Lulu married Howard Ritchie and they had the following children:

(a) Howard Ritchie

(b) David Ritchie

353 Linda Phillips, Spring City Utah, to Charles L. Bland, Gen Forum Posting, April 1, 2000 and August 6, 2001 are informative. She wrote that Allen was the son of Allen Capelton Bland and Marjorie Bannister, but provided no dates or places for them. Linda's information about Allen Lewis Bland himself and his descendants seems well documented. Both the 1860 and 1870 Censuses identify Allen and his second wife Hannah Watkins as born in Virginia, according to their own testimony. In The 1900 Census for Scott Township in Champagne County Illinois, their son James Albert Bland identifies both as born in Virginia. Age seems to have clouded his memory, because by 1920 James claimed Allen was born in Pennsylvania and his mother in Virginia. Logic would seem to favor the word of Allen and Hannah themselves, as well as the earlier memory of their son.

354 1850 Census, Miami County Indiana, Page 165, Dwelling 1191, family 1216.

355 The name Buchannan may simply have been to honor President James Buchannan, who took office during John's birth year. Unfortunately, this is a mixed legacy for poor John, whose names honors the ultimate in indecisiveness: Buchannan thought it was illegal for the South to separate from the Union and go to war, but also thought it was illegal to do anything to stop them, so he did nothing.

(c) Archie Ritchie(2) Walter Bland (January 1890 -)(3) Calla M. Bland (February 1893 -)(4) Ida Bland (March 1895 -)(5) Flossie Bland (October 1898 – C1903)(6) Herman Bland (born and died before 1900)(7) Baby Bland (Born and died before 1900) may be Herman Bland.(8) Georgia Bland (May 1900 - C1903)

John married (2nd) Mary ____ Brown who brought three children from her prior marriage. John and Mary were parents of:

(9) Mary Bland (August 17, 1908 -) married ____ Doom.(10) Opal Bland (April 28, 1910 -) died in South Carolina.(11) Alta Mae Bland (July 5, 1912 -)

Allen Lewis Bland married (2nd) Hanna Wadkins or Watkins (C1824/1826 - 1896)³⁵⁶ born in Virginia August 28, 1859 in Edgar County Illinois. Their children were:

E. WILLIAM ALLEN BLAND (March 7, 1866 or 1867 – April 25, 1921) was born at Sidney, Champagne County Illinois and died at Decatur in Macon County Illinois.³⁵⁷ He was a self-employed teamster. William married Emma Mae Giberson (January 30, 1874 - June 27, 1941) On November 16, 1893 in Macon County Illinois.³⁵⁸ They were parents of:

(1) Lula Bell "Dot" Bland (May 11, 1894 – August 2, 1963). Lula was born and died in Decatur, Macon County Illinois. Lula married Cecil Leonidas Hornstein on March 30, 1914. Their children were:

356 Linda Phillips to Charles I. Bland, *ibid.* and Linda Phillips to Brian Harris, Genforum posting, March 31, 2000. Hannah's birth-year is problematic. She is enumerated in the 1850 Census for Vermillion County in the household of Benjamin Watkins at age 17, or born 1833. The 1860 Census for Grandview County Illinois finds Hannah, age 28 or born in 1832, living with Allen Bland, who is himself identified as age 34, or born 1826,. In the 1870 Census of Sidney Township, Champagne County Illinois, Allen is aged 50 or born in 1820 years and Hannah is 45, or born (1825). In the 1880 census of Champagne County Illinois, Hannah is enumerated as age 42, born 1838.

357 Death certificate for William Allen Bland April 27, 1921, Macon County Illinois.

358 Register of Marriages, Macon County Illinois # 8349.

(a) Ruby Viola Hornstein (January 24, 1915 -)

(b) Ruth Ina May Hornstein (November 1, 1916 -)

(2) Lawrence Allen Bland (June 14, 1895 – October 1, 1964) was born and died in Decatur, Macon County Illinois. He married Laferne Poe on June 8, 1920 in Peoria Illinois. Their only child was:

(a) Dorothy Mae Bland (December 13, 1921 -) married (1st) Jack High and (2nd) Charles Adams on December 4, 1945.

(3) Irene Emma Bland (August 30, 1896 - October 9, 1959), married (1st) George Tony Rendla and (2nd) Frank Noah.

(4) Grace Evelyn Bland (April 10, 1898 – April 25, 1967) born and died in Decatur, Macon County Illinois. Grace married (1st) Harry Wise and (2nd) Matt Matson. There were no children from either marriage.

(5) Ethel Sarah Bland (July 13, 1900 - November 11, 1957) Ethel was born in Decatur and died in Chicago, Cook County Illinois. She married (1st) Russell Raider and later divorced him. She married (2nd) James Clarence Petty on December 4, 1924 in Chicago. They had two children:

(a) Shirley Darlene Petty February 1, 1926 -) married Luther Burnell Robertson on August 18, 1943 in San Antonio Texas. They later divorced and Shirley married (2nd) Clarence Carl Zuehsow. They had two children.
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(b) Norma Jean Petty (March 15, 1930 -) Norma was born in Elmhurst, DuPage County Illinois. She married Doran Alvin Baker on April 19, 1952. According to my correspondent Linda Phillips, 'they just barely divorced' and they had three children.

(6) Goldie Ruth Bland (October 1, 1901 -)

(7) Sylvia May Bland (March 6, 1903 – May 1903)

(8) Blanche Nettie Bland (September 7, 1904 – April 15, 1962) was born in Decatur. She married Jack Strong. Their children were:

(a) Kenneth Strong (November 15, 1938 - December 16, 1938)

(b) Dolores 'Dee' Diane Strong (August 29, 1939 -) married Robert Kjell. They had three children.

(c) James Dennis Strong (August 25, 1940 -) married Barbara _____.
(9) Corrine Mildred Bland (March 4, 1907 – 1983) was born in Decatur and died in Wauconda Lake Illinois. She married Robert Steele Abbott on June 21, 1930. They had two children:

(a) Marjorie Joan Abbott (December 20, 1932 -) married (1st) Robert George Farrell and they divorced. They had two children. Marjorie married (2nd) Richard Carlson.

(b) Lois Arlene Abbott (January 8, 1936 -) who married Robert William Morris. They had two children.

(10) Clarence Arthur Bland (August 3, 1910 – December 9, 1993) was born in Macon County Illinois and died in Waldorf, Charles County Maryland. Clarence was an engraver for the U.S. Mint. He married Margaret Clark. They had two children:

(a)

(a) Elaine Bland (January 16, 1933 -)

(b) Arlene Bland (July 18, 1943 -)

F. JAMES ALBERT BLAND (June 30, 1870 – May 16, 1945) was born in Sidney Illinois.³⁶⁰ James died of shock in Decatur, in Macon County Illinois after a train severed his feet. In his life, James Albert Bland was a Red Cross organizer in his county, who persisted in his efforts until the police gave in and left him alone. He married Iva Nettie Bland (September 27, 1869 – November 12, 1937)³⁶¹ on April 15, 1897 in Platt County Illinois. Iva's death certificate was completed by her son Louis Bland who testified that she was born in Sullivan County Indiana and was the daughter of the daughter of James Bland (C1830 -) of Washington County Indiana and Rachel Graham, (C1833 -) also born in Indiana. Iva's father James was the son of William Bland (C1800 – 1860) a son of Benjamin Bland (C1768 – after 1820) (Above, p. 805B) and Nancy Bland (C1811 -) a daughter of Captain James Bland (1772-1831) and Jane Johnston, (Above, page 57 (6)) Both William and Nancy are members of the Bland Family that migrated to Kentucky and Indiana from Randolph County North Carolina (25a6C). William was the

³⁶⁰ Obituary for James Albert Bland, courtesy of Lanny Bland. The June 20. This may be in error because the 1870 census shows that James was 3 months old on July 28, 1870. The obituary also states that James was born in Sidney Illinois although his Death Certificate states that he was born in Pennsylvania. See Death certificate of James A. Bland May 29, 1945, Macon County Illinois. The 1930 Census for Macon County Illinois identifies James as born in Illinois. According to this census, James father was born in Pennsylvania, while his mother was born in Virginia. Both of Iva Nettie Bland's parents were born in Indiana.

³⁶¹ Lanny Bland postings on Genforum, August 15, 2001 and October 1, 2001.

grandson of Moses Bland (C1718-1800) and Jane Wiggonton, founders of the line. I am pleased to display a photograph of James Albert Bland and Iva Nettie Bland:



James Albert Bland (1870-1945 and Iva Nettie Bland (1869-1937)
Courtesy of Lanny Bland

James and Iva were parents of:³⁶²

(1) Marcus or Marquis Bland (December 1896 - 1918) Born in Decatur Illinois, died in Chillicothe Ohio. Paul Bland (C1898 -)

(2) Louis Allen Bland (October 6, 1890 – December 31, 1992) who lived in Decatur Illinois. He married Emily Adams.

(3) James Otis Bland (March 22, 1902 –June 19, 1946) who lived in Yakimo Washington and died at an influenza camp in Denver Colorado. Not a lot is known about James but Lanny Bland sent me a certificate dated August 1945, that James ‘participated in work essential to the production of the Atomic Bomb, thereby contributing to the successful conclusion of World War II.’ In private life, he was a blacksmith by trade.

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(4) Nellie Etta Bland (October 11, 1908 - September 1973) was born and died in Washington, Tazewell County Illinois. Nellie married _____ Jackson.

(5) Melvin Nelore Bland (August 22, 1911 – August 11, 1986) was born in Eureka County Illinois and died in Memphis Shelby County Tennessee. Melvin married Jackie Janette Edwards. Melvin was an iron worker and later worked in the U.S. Postal Service. Their son was:

(a) Melvin Lanny Bland (C1951 -) born in Shelby County Tennessee.

(6) Jackie Edwards Bland (December 21, 1915 – August 1987) died in Shelby County Tennessee.

(7) Emil Bland (1915 – 1923) died of Black Diptheria.

James Albert Bland “attracted considerable attention” by a late life marriage to Emma or Erma Day in 1942.

JAMES BLAND OF IRELAND, LINE 18

What heretofore has been identified as a small line devoted to Gladwin Bland (1876-1932), Line #17, (AC 21-23, p. 28) has since been appreciably extended by a contribution from Roger Gladwin Bland of Mount Pleasant Michigan, who thus far remains my only contact, along with Susana Bland de Schiavon of Vera Cruz, Mexico. Roger’s

362 Primary documents about Iva Nettie Bland are her Death Certificate, Macon County Illinois, November 12, 1937 and her obituary, undated. Her son Louis Bland attested that James Bland was born in Ohio, but there is no basis in fact for this. Additional information for children of James A. Bland and Iva nettie Bland are provided in E-Mail, Lanny Bland to Charles L. Bland, July 23, 2005. Also, Linda Phillips, Posting to genforum, August 7, 2001.

contribution will expand this line appreciably as well as give it more heft and perhaps a better foundation for future research from descendants of the line.³⁶³ Roger traces his line to:

1. **JOHN BLAND** of Sedbergh Parish, York County England, who lived in the mid 17th Century. John then, would be first generation of this family. Cousin Roger says little about John, so I found myself dragging the learned and pious Carlisle off the shelf, upsetting what seemed to be a long established life of a handsome spider who had settled in since I last consulted this honorable source. Carlisle devotes over six pages to the Blands of Sedbergh, half to the Protestant Martyr John Bland, but seems to have stirred himself to record a few Baptism's, Marriages and Burials. Carlisle announces the Birth of John Bland, son of Miles Bland of Mire-House, February 10, 1633, as the Only person of Carlisle's record positioned to be John Bland, father of James. Carlisle leaves a yawning gap of silence for 43 years between 1645-1688 thus omitting any possible Light on the origins of our James. Carlisle offered only two records of burials³⁶⁴ I thus returned the pious Carlisle to the shelf whence it came, subsequently developing a mild hernia for lifting the tome, and the spider long since evacuated for more pleasant and peaceful environs. John's son:

2. **JAMES BLAND**, (C1668-1728) is the proper historical founder of this line. He was born in Sedberg Parish in England. James atended St. John's collage of Cambridge University and was ordained at Carlisle England March 10, 1689. Afterward he migrated to Killarney Parish in Kerry County in Southwest Ireland. James married Lucy Brewster daughter of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, about 1692, and afterward held numerous offices including Chaplain to Lord Deputy Sidney; Archdeacon of Limerick; Dean of Ardfert; Archdeacon of Aghadoe; Vicar of Killarney and Killcommin; and Vicar Anglican.

For several generations, I Hill discuss here the child who became the link to the ultimate migrant who settled in America. James Bland and Lucy Brewster had five children, including

3. **NATHANIEL BLAND** (1696 -) was born at Killarney, County Kerry Ireland. Nathaniel was trained in Law and was Judge of the Perogative Count at Dublin and Vicar General of the Diocese of Ardfert abd Aghadoe parrishes in County Kerry, following his father's footsteps. Nathaniel married (1st) Diana Kemeys and (2nd) about 1726, Lucy Heaton, by whom he had a family of eight children including:

4. **JAMES NATHANIEL BLAND** (C1727 – September 5, 1796) James is the ancestor of those Blands who migrated to America. He was born in Derryquin Townland in ferry County Ireland. James nathaniel Bland was a priest at Cork in 1751 and may have been a lawyer (his name is listed in the King's Inn Admissión Papers for Barristers) He married Elizabeth Julian and they had two children including:

363 Prior information consists of s single entry in AC 2-2, p. 40. What follows is based on Roger Gladwin Bland, Bland Family Genealogy, (Revised 1987), passim, hereafter called Gladwin Bland.

364 Nicholas Carlisle, Collections for a History of the Ancient Family of Bland (London: 1826), pp. 5-10, 268-296

5. **FRANCIS CHRISTOPHER BLAND** (May 17, 1770 – September 16, 1838). Francis was a lawyer. His wife was Lucinda herbert whom he married March 15, 1798. They had a family of eleven children including:

6. **JAMES FRANKLIN BLAND** (January 24, 1799 – March 6, 1863) James was born and died in Derryquin Townland. He was a high sheriff and was a former major in the Bengal Artillery. married Emma Taylor on December 27, 1825. They had a family of four children including:

7. **NATHANIEL FRANKLIN BLAND** (C1827 – June 17, 1892) Nathaniel was born at Derryquin Townland and died in Chicago Illinois. Thus, Nathaniel is the initial immigrant in this family line. He married Henrietta Sullivan (- November 2, 1883) on February 9, 1869 in County Wexford Ireland. Nathaniel and Henrietta had six children whose lives bridged the 19th and 20th Centuries including:

A. **JAMES FRANKLIN BLAND** (September 9, 1870 - October 18, 1904) James was born in County Wexford, Ireland and died in an Illinois hospital. married Kathleen Tyner (May 17, 1871 – September 1968) on November 28, 1895. They had two children.

B. **MAY EVA BLAND** (May 11, 1872 – January 28, 1947) May was born in Waterford Ireland and died in Chicago Illinois. She married Louis Carciotto - October 21, 1951) on February 15, 1896. They had three children.

C. **FLORENCE MAUDE BLAND** (October 8, 1874 – July 21, 1961) was born in Athelone ireland and died in Clear Lake Iowa. Married Charles Henry Cox (- February 23, 1942) on August 31, 1895. They moved to Mexico about 1903 and returned to Chicago about 1904, afterward moving to Puerto Rico about 1906 and Waterloo Iowa about 1909. Charles and Maude were divorced about 1912. Maud remained in Iowa and Charles went to California. Charles and Maud had two children.

D. **GLADWIN BLAND** (May 11, 1876 – October 11, 1932) was born in Roscommon County and died in Newark Ohio. Gladwin is buried at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Newark. Gladwin served in the Spanish American War in the Phillipines and Cuba for a brief time beginning in 1898. He went to Nicaragua in 1902 to explore coffee growing, then to Mexico City where he oponed a printing business with his brother Arthur Walton Bland. Gladwin married Maria Candida Rodrigo (February 2, 1882 – October 9, 1977) on June 5, 1903 in Mexico City, Mexico. Maria was born in Mexico City and died in Van Nuys California. She was the sister of Amada Rodrigo, who married Gladwin's brother Arthur Walton Bland (E below) Maria divorced Gladwin May 28, 1928. She lived in Los Angeles California from 1912 to the early 1930s, and was a real estate broker. She is buried at the Forest Lawn memorial Park in Hollywood Hills, California. Gladwin married (2nd) Maria de la luz Alvarez (1904 -) on March 11, 1929 in Mexico City. Gladwin and Maria Candida Rodrigo had a family of three children.³⁶⁵

³⁶⁵ Children of Gladwin Bland and Maria Candida Rodrigo, include Arthur Forrester Bland

E. ARTHUR WALTON BLAND (October 15, 1878 – December 25, 1936). Like his brother Gladwin, Arthur enlisted in the Army in 1898 and served in the Philippines during the Spanish American War. He entered the printing business with Gladwin and worked in Mexico City and Los Angeles. Arthur was killed when he was stuck by a car, while helping his wife and daughter out of harm's way. He married Amada Rodrigo, sister of Gladwin Bland's wife Maria Candida Rodrigo, in Mexico City, November 1, 1904. They were parents of three children:³⁶⁶

F. WILLIAM SULLIVAN BLAND (July 29, 1881 - May 31, 1934) married Mary Virginia Bowman on June 15, 1908 in Mexico City. They were parents of three children.

TENNESSEE REDUX

LINCOLN COUNTY TENNESSEE

Since writing the last essay about the Blands in this Tennessee County, I have the results of a day's research at the Tennessee State Library in Nashville Tennessee and voluminous records from two correspondents, Joyce McCool of Overland Park Kansas and Myrvin G. Harris of Memphis Tennessee.³⁶⁷ One would think that all this new information would strengthen one's certainty about the composition of the family, but instead it has revealed vast gaps in understanding and less certainty that the counties of Lincoln and Blount County Alabama contain close kin. What follows is surely erroneous in some if not many of its findings yet does contain an information skeleton upon which future researchers can develop more accurate material.

Early Pioneer: The standard interpretation of the origins of the Blands in Lincoln County Tennessee is that the earliest was John Bland, (C1770-1814) listed below. Some doubt, however, is cast on this assumption by the rather confusing statement found in annotations to the 1820 Census:³⁶⁸

(1910 - 1998) who married Frances Ramona Glover (1909-1986) in Los Angeles California., June 24, 1933. They are parents of my correspondent Roger Gladwin Bland. Gladwin's parents are in question. A Family Bible lists him as the son of Nathaniel Bland and Henrietta Sullivan, as does his birth and death certificate, the latter signed by his brother William Sullivan Bland. The wedding certificate of Gladwin and Maria, however, gives his parent's name as Edward Bland and Maria Sullivan. An otherwise illegible letter was found in the family bible signed "your father Edward."

³⁶⁶ Children of Arthur Walton Bland and Amada Rodrigo include Arthur Walton Bland (1926-1979) who married Emma Guzman Finck in Mexico. They were parents of my correspondent Susana Bland, of Vera Cruz Mexico, who married Giorgio Schiavan Delgader.

³⁶⁷ For much of the information about the Bland families of Lincoln County Tennessee and Blount County Alabama, I have relied on a thick notebook sent me by Joyce McCool January 26, 2006. Throughout, I refer to it as McNotes. I sent an early draft of this section to Cousin Joyce which she returned to me with extensive revisions, in October 2007. When I refer to these revisions, they will be noted as McRevisions. Myrvin Harris will be referred to in notes as MGH; Cf my own previous work AC 5-1 pp. 49-50 and AC 21-23, pp. 117-123.

³⁶⁸ Lincoln County Tennessee (Hereafter abbreviated to LCT) Pioneers Vol. XXVI, No. 1,

Blan, Mary . . . spouse d. Fort Hampton, War of 1812, bought land where son reared and died . . . John Bland Head Coldwater Cr. 1810, wid John Bland, d. age 102.

Is this "Mary Blan" the same Mary Jones Bland noted in the paragraph below? Who is the John Bland who died at age 102 about 1810? Or does this notation suggest that Mary died at age 102? Combining census and tombstone evidence, it appears that Mary died in 1868 at age about 88. I have no ready answer but suggest the usefulness of keeping this in mind for the following:³⁶⁹

1. **JOHN BLAND (1770 - 1814)** John's will was probated February 6, 1815. Though there is some ambiguity, (see above, **EARLY PIONEER**) its probable that he is the same John Bland who died at Fort Hampton North Carolina in 1814 "in service of the U.S." i.e., he is likely a veteran of the War of 1812.³⁷⁰ Little is known of John. According to his son's obituary, he moved to Lincoln County Tennessee from Georgia about 1808-1809. John married Mary Jones (C1780 - September 11, 1868). Mary is buried at Prosperity Cemetery in Lincoln County.³⁷¹ Mary shows up in the census for Lincoln County in 1820 and 1830.³⁷² In 1820, Mary was head of household with a family that included one female, aged

(January 1997) p. 17.

369 In addition to Joyce McCool's McNotes and other supplementary materials, I greatly profited from her final revisions to this paper, E-Mail, Joyce McCool to Charles L. Bland, March 2, 2008, hereafter referred to as Final McNotes.

370 McNotes, citing Tennessee Tidbits, Vol II, 1778-1914. P. 31: "Fort Hampton only existed from 1809-1815. It was located on an island at the southern end of the outer banks of North Carolina at Atlantic Beach. Also, E-mail to Joyce McCool September 13, 2004. Cf Obituary of William C. Bland in Lincoln County Tennessee Pioneers Vol XIV, No. 2, p. 69. Much of this discussion is drawn from a paper in my possession, with no title and I can find no one to attribute it to, but suspect it came from Joyce McCool or Philip Bland. Hereafter it is referred to as "Paper of Unidentified Province" or PUP. This source states that Fort Hampton only existed from 1809-1815 and was located on the outer banks on the Atlantic coast of North Carolina.

371 Timothy and Helen Marsh, Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, p. 499; Timothy and Helen Marsh have compiled several cemetery records for Lincoln County and as such, will hereafter be referred to as Marsh. Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, Prosperity Church, Taft Quadrangle, p. 345. McNotes, refers to some conflict in Mary's date of death. By 1860 continuing to 1870, the family was in Limestone County Alabama but she disappears from the Limestone census in 1880. This may mean that she died before 1880, but it is clear that the woman who died in 1885 was buried near Samuel J. Bland in Lincoln County Tennessee, so I believe the Mary in Prosperity Cemetery was the wife of Samuel J. Bland.

372 McNotes, citing Lincoln County Deed Books B and C, shows Land transactions involving John Bland in 1811 and 1814. Lincoln County Court Minutes, Docket Book 1, for February 24, 1812, display a transaction between John Bland and James Bright for a negro boy named March and for 140 acres of land, probably an exchange. Cf, Land Deeds of Lincoln County Tennessee, Deed Book B, 1809-1818, p. 36, 38. Land Deed of Lincoln County Tennessee, Deed

0-10; One Male, aged 16-26; one male aged 16-18; one male aged 10-16; and one male aged 0-10. By 1830, Mary presided over a family including one male, aged 15-20; and one female, aged 20-30. Mary, widow of John Bland, born in South Carolina was enumerated in dwelling 1412 In Lincoln County Tennessee in 1850, born in South Carolina. She was head of household with Mary Bland (C1817 -). born in Tennessee. By 1860, Mary was listed in the household of E.H. Steadman, who married the daughter Mary sometime between 1850-1860. Mary was the same woman identified in the 1820 Census for Lincoln County as Mary Blaw, aged 26-45, living alone as head of a household who with 2 males 16-26; 1 male 10-16; and one male and one female under 10.³⁷³ John and Mary's family included:

A Son (C1794/1804) The Fayetteville Tennessee Observer on April 8, 1875 reported that "an old man named Bland, aged 70 to 75 years . . ." was found dead about 10 miles east of Fayetteville. He was unnamed but lived on Indian Creek near the Franklin County line. If the estimate of his age is correct, it would project this man's birth year at C1800/1805.³⁷⁴

Book E, 1818-1828 p. 15 finds "Polly Bland selling 12 acres on Cold Water Creek to David Dodd on October 2, 1818 and then buying 10 acres from John Williams on Cold Water Creek on October 20, 1818. pp. 15, 27. Marsh and Marsh, Cemetery Records of LCT p. 499.

³⁷³ MCnotes, Census of 1830, 1850 and 1860, for Lincoln County Tennessee.

³⁷⁴ Lincoln County Tennessee Pioneers Vol XIII, No. 1, (2004) p. 40.

B. Samuel Jefferson Bland (September 27, 1803 – May 24, 1866)³⁷⁵ Samuel, according to the 1850 census, was born in Georgia, information that squares with his father's movement from Georgia to Tennessee about 1808/1809. Samuel was in Limestone County Alabama by 1860.³⁷⁶ He married Mary "Polly" Gray (June 18, 1805 – January 28, 1885)³⁷⁷ in Tennessee about 1826/1827. Mary was born in North Carolina and she is buried in Prosperity Cemetery in Lincoln County.³⁷⁸ The 1830 Census shows Samuel Bland (aged

375 The following from Final McNotes seems to challenge the idea that Samuel J. Bland belongs with this family: CHARLES: The dates and additional info about the kidnapping was from Ancestry.com was submitted by Janice Bowers on 6 Sep 2007. This is one of those stories that is hard to prove. "Samuel Jefferson Bland was kidnapped as a very small boy by an old hermit [last name Bland]. He was kidnapped with his sister, who managed to escape. He would tell the story of this kidnapping and remembered hearing his mother calling for him all night, but could not answer her because Mr. Bland would not let him. They spent their first night within a mile of his home. He took the name of his kidnapper, Bland, and we do not know what is real last name was. He said the kidnapper was kind to him as he grew up." A Guardian Book for Lincoln County, pp. 9-10 October 28, 1840, identifies Samuel J. Bland as guardian for Fletcher McCown and for Farlow McCown on December 28, 1840. Guardianship of Fletcher and Farlow McCown is renewed January 1, 1842, Pp. 14-15. Guardianship was renewed again January 1, 1843, pp. 20-21 and for Farlow McCown on January 1, 1844, p. 23. and for Fletcher McCown May 31, 1845, p. 33. Samuel took guardianship of John N. and Mary Jones, "heirs of the estate of John Alfred" on December 4, 1845 and on January 1, 1846, guardianship of William P. McDaniel, p. 35. As administrator for the estate of Ralph Smith, Samuel delivered Elizabeth Smith into the hands of her guardian, Drury Perkins, on September 15, 1846, p. 40. He renewed guardianship for Farlow McCown on January 1, 1847, p. 45 and again on April 7, 1848, p. 54. He became guardian over Amanda Hosch on May 15, 1847, p. 46. He took guardianship of Amanda, John and William Hosch on May 15, 1848, p. 53 and for Lewis Blair, heir of Thomas Blair, May 21, 1848, until young Blair reached his majority on July 14, 1848. p. 54. Samuel was appointed guardian of John M. and James Blair on November 23, 1848, p. 58. He was guardian for William and Amanda Hosch, May 15, 1849, p. 62. He was appointed guardian over Farlow McCown April 7, 1850; over John Amanda and William Hosch on May 15, 1850 and for John and James Blair on November 23, 1850, p. 69. Samuel renewed guardianship of William and Andrew Hosch on May 15, 1852. Samuel became a guardian for James W. Bland on November 25, 1859, per Lincoln County Tennessee Pioneers, Vol. XII, No 1, (2003) p. 40 The end of these guardianships, persistent for almost two decades, may have signaled Samuel's death.

376 McNotes, citing 1860 census. In 1850 this family was still in Lincoln Co., Tennessee but by 1860 they were in Shoalford, Limestone Co., Alabama with wife Mary 52, born 1808 NC and children John W. 22, born Tennessee; William A., 19, born Tennessee; Samuel F. 16, born Tennessee; and Lucretia H. born Tennessee. The family was there in 1870, Mary (widow of Samuel J. Bland) was 66 years old, born 1804. I didn't find her in Alabama in 1880 census of Limestone.

377 Dates for Mary Gray are from tombstone at Prosperity cemetery in Lincoln County Tennessee, sent by E-mail, Joyce McCool to Charles L. Bland, March 13, 2008.

378 Mary's birth years are referred to as 1804, 1806, 1808. 1850 Census for Lincoln

20/30, Samuel was about 27) head of household, with a female (aged 20/30, Mary was about 26), with one female child aged 5/10 and 2 female children, aged 0/5. By the 1840 census, Samuel and Mary are aged 30/40, with 3 males under age 5; two females aged 10/15 and 2 females age 5/10. Their children were:³⁷⁹

(1) Elizabeth M. Bland, (May 22, 1827/1828 – February 23, 1899). Elizabeth was born, married and died in Fayetteville, Lincoln County. She married Hugh Washington Sheffield on December 4, 1849.³⁸⁰

(2) Martha E. Bland (May 1, 1831 – June 23, 1900). Martha married Wiley E. Milam in Lincoln County on February 23, 1854.³⁸¹

(3) Unnamed Daughter (C 1832-1833- died or married by 1850) This may be Mary Louise Bland (April 23, 1825 – September 15, 1867) who married William Jones October 23, 1812 – September 9, 1898) September 1845. Their children were:³⁸²

(a) Missinah Jones (January 21, 1847 -). Missinah married Lawson Hampton.

(b) Mary Parthena Jones (January 16, 1849 – August 1, 1914), Mary married John Flynn.

(c) George Washington Jones (August 29, 1851 – September 30, 1859 or April 22, 1864)

(d) Columbus Jackson Jones (December 14, 1853 – April 22, 1854 or September 3, 1859)

(e) Martha Minerva Jones (May 7, 1855 – October 15, 1934). Mary married James A. Good.

County Tennessee, Dwelling 1229. Marsh and Marsh, Cemetery records of Lincoln County Tennessee, p. 498; Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, Prosperity Church, Taft Quadrangle, p. 345. Cf, Land Deed Genealogy of Lincoln County Tennessee, Vol 3, Deed Book H for 1827-1834, Samuel and his brother William are noted as witnesses and adjacent neighbors on numerous transactions.

379 MCnotes, Family Group Sheet including 1850 census. Samuel and Mary lived in dwelling 1229. Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, Prosperity Church, Taft Quadrangle, p. 345. McRevisions rescued me from some gross errors in defining Samuel J. Bland's family, and added some precision in defining his descendants.

380 MCnotes, Individual Record Family Search, Ancestral File V419. LCT Marriages, p. 39

381 LCT Marriages, p. 55

382 Marsh and Marsh, Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee p. 66. Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, Prosperity Church, Taft Quadrangle, these two sources display variant dates of death for George Washington Jones and Columbus Jackson Jones.

(f) Frances Ardelia Jones (December 8, 1857 - February 22, 1912)
Frances married Daniel George.

(g) Medora Alice Jones (June 9, 1861 - December 3, 1913)

(h) Thomas Benton Jones (January 18, 1863 - June 26, 1913)
Thomas married Mary Clara Smith.

(l) William Milton Jones (May 19, 1865 -) William married
Jeanetta Merrill.

(4) Lucinda/Lucy J. Bland (C1834/1836 -) married W.W. Templeton,
April 1, 1852.³⁸³

(5) James Nicholas Bland (C1836 - May 31, 1862) James enlisted in First
Tennessee, Company K on May 9, 1861 to serve with The Boons Hill
Minute Men. According to military records, he was killed at Seven Pines
Virginia. James married Permelia S. Smith on May 25, 1854³⁸⁴

(6) John W. Bland (C1838 -) who married Amanda _____. John W.
Bland was 22 in the 1860 census of Limestone Co., Alabama living with father
Samuel J. and mother Mary. The 1870 census of Limestone Co., Alabama lists a W.
J. Bland, age 23, born about 1838 who was married to Amanda, born 1846 in
Tennessee. (I think he turned his name around and used initials) Their child was:

(a) Harry S. Bland (C1869)
Alabama.

(7) William Alexander Bland (April 5 840 - living in 1886), born in
Tennessee. The distribution of his children in the 1870 Census suggests
William may have served in the Civil War. By 1870, William was in
Limestone County Alabama and was married to Martha (C1844-) born in
Tennessee and they had a family of four children:³⁸⁵

(a) Stephen O. Bland (C1858 -) Stephen was not listed in the 1880 c
census.

(b) John W. Bland ((C1862 -) John was not listed in the 1880 census.

(c) Columbus Houston Bland (Oct 7, 1868 June 27, 1962) born in
Lincoln Co., Tennessee and died at McKinney, Texas. He married Idora

383 LCT Marriages p. 49

384 MNotes citing Byron Sistler, Early Tennessee Marriages Vol 1, hereafter noted as
Sistler; CF LCT Marriages, p. 56 McRevisions added the name Nicholas to James.

385 I am grateful to McRevisions for helping me to sort out William's family.

E. Reynolds (1871-1916) and had one daughter Ola Caroline Bland (1893-1970).

(d) Delia E. Bland (C1872- living in 1880)

(8) Samuel Ferrell Bland (C1844 - 1925) was born in Tennessee. Samuel is listed in the 1880 census of Limestone County Alabama, married to Rebecca Ann Pool. (C1847-) born in Tennessee. One child:

(a) Mary Ellen Bland (1871-1961).

(9) T.B. Bland (C1847) is enumerated in the 1880 Census of Lincoln County Tennessee with Mary (C1846) Bland as a wife.³⁸⁶

(10) Lucretia H. Bland (C1848 -) Born in Tennessee. Lucretia is identified in the 1880 Census of Limestone County Alabama³⁸⁷

D. DAUGHTER (C1804/1810 -)

E. WILLIAM C. BLAND (June 27, 1807 – August 9, 1876) William was deputy sheriff of Lincoln County by 1850. William was born in Georgia and moved to Tennessee with his family about 1808-1809, with his father. He died from cancer in Fayetteville, Lincoln County Tennessee and is buried at the Prosperity Church Cemetery in Lincoln County.³⁸⁸ About 1828, William married Permelia Yeager (C1809 – September 21, 1885), who was born in North Carolina or South Carolina and died at Cold Water, Lincoln County Tennessee. The Lincoln County Census of 1840 displays a William Bland, aged 30/40 (he would have been 32 or 33) , with a wife aged 30/40 (Permelia would have been 31 in 1840). The census showed that William and Permelia had two sons aged 10/15 (John W. shown below) and 0-5 (James, shown below). William's age is shown as 42 in the 1850 Census but if he was the William Bland who witnessed a land transaction between Samuel Bland and William Crabtree, December 21, 1826, noted above, he would likely have been born no later than 1805. In the 1850 Census, William was enumerated in 1850 with a family that included Permelia and:³⁸⁹

(1) John W. Bland (C1829 – after August 29, 1875) born in Tennessee. In the 1860 Census, John W. Bland is shown as age 36, born in 1824, but the 1829 date reflected

³⁸⁶ MNotes, 1880 Census of LCT. Also, thanks to McRevisions. It is not certain that T.B. Bland belongs in this family group.

³⁸⁷ McRevisions.

³⁸⁸ MNotes, E-Mail exchange Joyce McCool and George Waller, September 12-13, 2004. Marsh and Marsh, Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, p. 498. CF, Lincoln County Pioneers Vol. XIV, No. 2 (2005), p. 69; William's will was signed June 29, 1875 and probated September 4, 1876.

³⁸⁹ MNotes, Census of 1850, 1860 for Lincoln County Tennessee. By 1860, William is recorded in the census as aged 53, so born about 1807, while Permelia aged a graceful 7 years during the decade and now was registered as age 51.

in William Bland's family as represented in the 1850 census should be right, given the ages recorded for William Bland and his wife Permelia. By 1860, John W. Bland was still in Lincoln County in 1860 with a family that included a wife Martha E. Blair, (C1835-), whom he married November 28, 1850, and children:³⁹⁰

(a) Frances Bland (1851 -) Frances E. Bland was married to McNelly Greer on March 12, 1878.³⁹¹

(b) William Bland (1853 -)

(c) Shelby Bland (1858-) This may be J.S. Bland (January 23, 1859 – October 27, 1889), who is buried at the Baggerly Cemetery in Lincoln County. J.S. Bland, age 23, married Polina G. Cole (December 9, 1859- January 29, 1942) on January 22, 1881 in Lincoln County.³⁹²

(2) James R. Bland (C1837/1838 – Living in 1880) born in Tennessee. James is found in the 1870 Census married to B.J. R. Bland (C1849 -). James was executor of his father's will of August 29, 1875.³⁹³ The 1880 Census finds James Mother Permelia Yeager Bland (enumerated as Amelia) in James' household. There is also a nephew, John S. Bland (C1859 -) enumerated with James (see 1-C Shelby Bland (C1858 -) above.³⁹⁴

(3) Frances Beatrice Bland (C1849 -) born in Tennessee. Frances married H. H. or H.A. Flynn on July 24, 1870.³⁹⁵

(4) William A. Bland (C1853 – April 29, 1875) William was noted as 22 years when he died of consumption.³⁹⁶

(5) Cordelia E. Bland (June 19, 1855 – November 16, 1859) Cordelia is buried at the Prosperity Church Cemetery in Lincoln County. She died from the Croup.³⁹⁷

(6) Thomas Bland (C1860 -)

390 LCT Marriages p. 43; MCnotes, Sistler.

391 Ibid. p. 173.

392 Marsh and Marsh, Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, p. 524. LCT Marriages 1880-1899, p. 14.

393 Source Uncertain, Will of William C. Bland, signed August 29, 1875 probated September 4, 1876.

394 MCnotes, 1870, 1880 Census, Lincoln County Tennessee.

395 Ibid, P. 129.

396 Lincoln County Tennessee Pioneers, Vol 13, No. 1 (2004) p. 7

397 Marsh and Marsh, Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, p. 499, Lincoln County Pioneers, Vol. 1 No. 4, p 61, "Mortality Schedules of Lincoln County Tennessee 1860."

F. JOHN BLAND (C1810/1820 -) The 1840 Census for Lincoln County includes John Bland, aged 20/30 with a female aged 30/40 in his household, as well as a son aged 0/5; and three daughters, aged 0/5, 5/10 and 10/15. The 1880 Census records a John Bland (C1814 -) born in Tennessee, married Nancy Nelson (C1820 -) on November 9, 1865. They are enumerated in the 1880 Census of Lincoln County Tennessee, without children. ³⁹⁸

G-H TWO SONS (C1810/1820)

(I) MARY BLAND (C1817 - April 10, 1884) married Elisha Steadman in Lincoln County Tennessee on February 22, 1855. ³⁹⁹

2. SAMUEL BLAN (C1775 - C1827/1830) Samuel appears in the Census of 1820, aged 45 or older, with two sons aged 10-16; three sons aged under 10; a daughter aged 16-26; a daughter aged 10-16 and a daughter aged under 10. ⁴⁰⁰ Though it is not for certain the same person, a Samuel Blan is found in the Tax rolls of neighboring Franklin County in 1812. He deeded 20 acres to Alexander Gray December 9, 1819. ⁴⁰¹ He received 15 acres from William Crabtree on December 21, 1826 the last time his name appears in county records. Thus it would seem that he died between 1827 and 1830, when he is not enumerated in the Census. Later census records suggest he was married to Easter _____ (C1760/1770 -). Easter appears in the 1830 Census aged 60/70 along with an unidentified woman aged 30/40. ⁴⁰²

3. JOHN BLAND (C1770/1780 -) was enumerated in the 1830 census of Lincoln County, with two older women, one aged 60/70 and another aged 40/50, probably John's wife. Their family includes one son aged 20/30; one son aged 15/20; one son aged 10/15 and one son aged 5-10. Daughters range in age from 20/30 to age 5/10. The relationship of this John to John Bland above is not certain.

4. WILLIAM BLAND (- ante 11-26-1811) was married to Elizabeth _____ ⁴⁰³

398 MNotes, Sistler.

399 Lincoln County Tennessee Bible Records, Vol. 1, p. 34; LCT Marriages, p. 59

400 MNotes, 1820 Census for Lincoln County Tennessee.

401 MNotes, citing 1812 Lincoln County Tennessee Tax List and Lincoln County Deed Books B and G.

402 MNotes Easter Bland is found in the 1840 Census for Lincoln County, as head of household.

403 Tennessee Tidbits, 1778-1914, cited by McCool. Also, Lincoln County Tennessee Minutes Docket, Book 1, 1811-1812, #131, p. 40. cited in MNotes. An inventory of William's property mentions James Bland. Land Deeds of Lincoln County Tennessee, Deed Book C, 1809-1818, p. 109 Notes a deed from Elizabeth Bland, widow of William Bland, deceased from Hickman County Tennessee, who died May 8, 1811, forty acres of land in Lincoln County to John Crathers. The forty acres are located on Cold Water Creek. 25 acres of land along Cold Water Creek was also deeded to John Bland by the state of Tennessee on May 8, 1811. See Land Deeds of Lincoln County Tennessee, Deed Book C, 1809-1818, May 2, 1814, p. 107. On November 14, 1812, sale of a negro boy named Lonon, previously owned by William Bland was formalized in Lincoln County Tennessee Will Book

LINCOLN COUNTY MISSING LINKS

WILLIAM "BILLY" BLAND AND SABRA PARRISH Cousin Pat Leatherman wrote me in August 2001 linking George Washington Bland with William Bland and a wife Sabra Parrish⁴⁰⁴ Pat claimed to have seen a letter written about 1971, indicating that "Billy" or William Bland had married a woman named Sabra Parrish from North Carolina, about 1833/1834 in Lincoln County Tennessee.⁴⁰⁵ I have not yet actually seen the actual proof of this marriage. If, however, we accept it as a premise upon which to develop family information, I must say that I have learned a good bit more about Sabra than when I wrote Volume 21-23 of "Among Cousins." Evidently, William left Sabra Parrish after the birth of George Washington Bland. Sabra (C1818-) remarried twice after William Bland deserted her. With her young child George, she is recorded in Lincoln County Records as "Labrary" Bland when she married Haislip Goforth on August 26, 1840, so if she wasn't married to "Billy" Bland, she was certainly married to some Bland man who either died or deserted her. The strange spelling is indicative of how many names this woman had, being known variously as Library, Labrary, Sabra, Sabre, Sabree and Caroline. By Mr. Goforth, Sabra had a daughter Sarah who was born in 1841 in Lawrence County Arkansas.⁴⁰⁶ Sabra married John H. Hammett on October 16, 1845. These remarriages probably account for why it has been impossible to locate the only child of William and Sabra in Lincoln County. Myrvin Harris "believes" Sabra's second and third marriages were in Lawrence County Arkansas, formed from the Missouri Territory in 1815, or Sharp County, formed from Lawrence in 1868. The suggestion is that George Washington Bland left Lincoln County Tennessee in his childhood and went with his mother and step father to Arkansas.⁴⁰⁷ In any event, George Washington Bland was the only child of Billy Bland and Sabra Parrish.

March 1809-April 1824, pp. 21-22

404 Pat Leatherman to Charles L. Bland, E-Mail, August 12, 2001. See also two postings at genforum, August 22, 2001, by Phillip Johnson and Myrvin G. Harris.

405 This marriage date is extrapolated from the birth of her son George Bland on June 20, 1834

406 Sarah Goforth, George Bland's half-sister, married Gainesboro Van Buren Vance on July 19, 1861. Poor Vance was a Confederate Soldier who was killed on May 9, 1862.

Subsequently, Sarah Goforth Vance married Joseph Johnson. Family Group sheet supplied by Myrvin G. Harris.

407 Labrary Bland married Haislip Goforth, recorded in MCnotes, citing Lincoln County Tennessee Marriages: 1838-1880, p. 9. on the Various names of Sabra Parrish Bland Goforth Hammett, E-mail, Myrvin Harris to Charles L. Bland, July 22, 2005. E-mail, Myrvin Harris to Charles L. Bland, July 23, 2005 Notations on Family Group Sheets provided by Myrvin Harris indicate that in the 1870 census, Sabra was found living with her daughter Sarah Johnson in Sharp County Arkansas, as Caroline Hamlett, age 52. In the 1880 census of Sharp County Arkansas, she is recorded as "Sabra Hamlett" age 62, both parents born in North Carolina. Thus her birth year of 1818.

A. GEORGE WASHINGTON BLAND (June 20, 1834 – July 31, 1925) By 1870, George was enumerated in the census for Sharp County Arkansas. According to census records, George was born in Tennessee.⁴⁰⁸ George married Sarah Amanda Ring, (December 23, 1843 – August 31, 1916) about 1860, when they were enumerated as a couple in Lawrence County, Arkansas.⁴⁰⁹ George enlisted on September 23, 1861 to serve with the CSA in the 21st Company of the 145th Arkansas Infantry Regiment. By 1870 George and Sarah were in Sharp County Arkansas and were subsequently enumerated in the 1880 and 1900 census. George's tombstone is adorned with a Masonic Emblem. Their children, most of whom are buried at Powell's Chapel Cemetery in Evening Shade, Sharp County Arkansas, included:⁴¹⁰

(1) May P. "Lea" Bland (C1862-1888)⁴¹¹ born in Arkansas. May married Conley Francis Byrd/Bird on March 3, 1881 at Sharp County. Their children were:

(a) Virginia "Dolly" Byrd (December 1883 -)

(b) George Washington Byrd (October 1884 -) married Bettie Lowery on August 7, 1907.

(c) Robert Lee Byrd (March 8, 1885 – April 27, 1953) married Artie Elizabeth Barnes in Sharp County before 1910.

(2) Almeda Frances "Dink" Bland (April 7, 1866 – December 16, 1911) born in Arkansas. Almeda married William Henry "Hence" Hulett in Sharp County on August 24, 1882.

(3) Elizabeth "Oma" Bland (November 1, 1871 – November 18, 1946) born in Arkansas. Elizabeth married William Oscar Smith in Sharp County on April 11, 1897.

(4) Martha Bland (September 18, 1876 – January 10, 1921) Martha

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

409 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.

410 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 daughters and Robert Lee as a son in the 1900 census. It is possible that Robert Lee Byrd simply took the Bland name.

411 Family Group Sheet by Myrvin Harris, May's dates are adduced by census records and the fact that Conley Byrd married Fannie Thompson on November 7, 1888. He subsequently married Alice E. Neely on October 12, 1919.

married Benjamin Hayden Smith in Sharp County on March 11, 1894.

(5) Martin Texas "Texcie" Bland (August 29, 1879 – February 11, 1919) born in Arkansas. Texas married Allie Mintie Ring in Sharp County Arkansas.

(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) Una/Unis (Eunice) "Tup" Bland (November 1884 -) Una married Samuel Richard Byrd, March 23, 1903 in Sharp County. Their single child was:

(a) Norma Byrd

(8) Robert E. Lee Bland (C1886-)

The following represents marriage records in Lincoln County which could not be connected to the families developed above. In most cases, these are later generations for which connecting information from early to late 19th century has not been established. Also, it is quite possible that some of these marriages occurred with individuals who are established in Marshall County Tennessee but later moved to Lincoln.

Sarah C. Bland and Calvin Street were married August 19, 1849.⁴¹²

John Bland and Elizabeth Kelly were married September 19, 1861 or 1863.⁴¹³

Mary Bland married Neil Eliff in Lincoln County on March 23, 1887.⁴¹⁴

C.H. Bland married B.D. Reynolds on February 23, 1888.⁴¹⁵

Mollie Bland married F.M. Grammer on December 25, 1890.⁴¹⁶

Malinda Bland married James Elias Chasteen on October 24, 1891.⁴¹⁷

Alex Bland married Lillie Smith on July 23, 1893.⁴¹⁸

412 LCT Marriages, p. 38

413 LCT Marriages, p. 81 and MCnotes, Sistler. Sistler notes "no marriage"

414 Ibid, P. 47; Lincoln County Pioneers, Lincoln County Marriage Book C, Vol; XXIV No. 1 (January 1995), p. 33.

415 Ibid, P. 53; Lincoln County Pioneers, Lincoln County Marriage Book C, Vol; XXIV No. 2 (June 1995), p. 84.

416 Ibid, p. 73.

417 Ibid, p. 79.

418 Ibid, p. 90.

License was issued on September 9, 1893 to J.G. Bland to marry Bertha Whittenberger.⁴¹⁹

Who is Healey Bland, (C1863 -) found in the 1880 Census, District 1 of Lincoln County, from Alabama?

Willis Bland, an African American, married (1) Catherine Bland (C1842 -) December 5, 1865 and (2) Catherine Landess December 31, 1886., both in Lincoln County.⁴²⁰ A legitimate question is who is Catherine Bland? What family does she belong to? The 1880 Census identifies Willis and Catherine with a family of six children:

(a) Wilson Bland (C1860 -)

(b) Mary E. Bland (C1864 -) M.E. Bland (Bride) married A.B. Smith (Groom) on September 15, 1886.⁴²¹

(c) Henryetta Bland (C1865 -)

(d) Robert Bland (C1868 -)

(e) Lony Bland (a daughter) (C1872 -) Not a certainty but Lony could be the Lovey Bland who married Will Edmiston December 26, 1889.⁴²²

(f) Wiley Bland (C1874-)⁴²³ Wiley Bland married M.E. Edmiston, February 15, 1894.⁴²⁴

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.⁴²⁵ Many of these Blands were married or died in Lincoln County, suggesting the strong possibility of a connectedness between the two groups.

419 Ibid, p. 91.

420 LCT Marriages, p. 93; LCT Marriages: 1880-1899, p. 59; MNotes, Sistler.

421 Ibid, P. 43; Lincoln County Pioneers, Lincoln County Marriage Book C, Vol; XXIII No. 2 (June 1994). P. 67

422 Ibid, p. 66.

423 MNotes, 1880 Census for Lincoln County Tennessee.

424 Ibid, p. 95

425 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, a daughter? 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. Given the birth years of his children, it is likely that this is the William Bland who married Mary Rayburn on January 29, 1839 in Marshall County.⁴²⁶

(1) **Jackson Bland** (C1842 -) Born NC

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

B. **JONATHAN BLAND** (October 25, 1812 – 1895) born in North Carolina, and died in Abilene, Taylor County Texas while visiting his son William Perry Bland.⁴²⁷ According to one source, Jonathan traveled to Virginia via Bland County Virginia. Jonathan lived in dwelling 314 in the 1850 Census. He was in Marshall County by 1840. By 1870 and 1880, he was enumerated in Boonshill, Lincoln County Tennessee He married Lucy Ann Tuley Bland (1823 – 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:⁴²⁸

(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. Preston died of dropsy. Both Preston and Martha are buried at Wrights Cemetery in Lincoln County Tennessee. The children of Preston Monroe Bland and Martha V. Jones, all born in Tennessee, were:⁴²⁹

(a) **Elizabeth J. “Betty” Bland** (1878 -)

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

426 Sistler in MCnotes.

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

428 Cemetery Records of LCT p. 303. 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. Also living with Jonathan is Elizabeth Tuley (probably Lucy's mother) (C1784 -)

429 E-Mail, Diane Tipton to Charles L. Bland, July 6, 2005, citing Ancestry.Com, The Research of Will Johnson, professional genealogist (2003). This research is reinforced by LCT Marriages p. 81, and MCnotes, Sistler.

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

(d) Maud A. Bland (September 1886 - 1945) Maud married John W. Gilliam.

(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. The strongest evidence is that William Perry Bland never married.

(4) Jonathan Franklin Bland (May 26, 1850 – November 9, 1892) married Martha E. Collins (C1855-1935) in Lincoln County Tennessee on September 12, 1872.⁴³⁰ This apparently invalidates previous information that Jonathan moved to Hunt County Texas sometime before 1870.

(5) Malinda Delina Bland (C1853 – before 1870)⁴³¹

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

(7) S.L. Elizabeth “Lizzie” Bland (C1857 -) born in Tennessee. Lizzie Bland was married to Robert F. Childers, March 12, 1874.⁴³²

(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.⁴³³

430 LCT Marriages p. 144.

431 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.

432 Ibid, P. 153.

433 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.

(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) Adaliza or Delina Bland (C1862 -) this may be the “Linie” Bland married James Harmes on January 20, 1881.⁴³⁴

C. JOHN L. BLAND (C1814/1816 -) born in Tennessee, is enumerated in dwelling 328 in the 1850 census. His wife is Mary Ann Cooper (1816-) born in Tennessee, whom he married January 3, 1842. Their children were:

(1) Mary S. Bland (C1838-) Mary may not be the child of this marriage or may be a child of John’s by an earlier marriage.

(2) John W. Bland (C1843/1844-) John married Julia _____ (C1853 - C1884) in Lincoln County Tennessee about 1869. They had a family that included⁴³⁵

(a) Tobe W. Bland (C1869 – 1926) born in Tennessee. Tobe is buried with Harriet “Hattie” Grotts 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.

John W. Bland appears to have remarried to Mollie F. Coats (April 13, 1864 - August 1, 1888) on September 2, 1885.⁴³⁶ They had two children:

(e) an unnamed infant was born and died on May 29, 1886.

(f) Eustacie E. Bland, (June 13, 1887 – June 17, 1888).⁴³⁷

(3) Thomas Bland (C1847-)

(4) Zachary Taylor Bland (C1848/1849 -) Zachary Taylor Bland married Mary L. Coble (C1847-) on December 20, 1869. This couple is found in the 1880 Census, with the following family:⁴³⁸

434 Lincoln County Tennessee Marriages: 1880-1899, p. 7

435 1880 United States Federal Census, Lincoln County Tennessee.

436 Lincoln County Tennessee Marriages: 1880-1899, p. 36

437 Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, Dellarose Quadrangle, p. 79

438 LCT Marriages p. 125 and MNotes, Sistler and 1880 United States federal Census for

(a) A.C. Bland (daughter C1871 -) Alice Bland and J.A. Walls were married October 13, 1889.⁴³⁹

(b) M.E.M. Bland (daughter C 1873 -)

(c) L.M. Bland (son C1879 -)

D. THOMAS BLAND (C1819 -) born in Tennessee, lived in dwelling 315 as enumerated in the 1850 census. He was married to Mary Ann Wicker. (C1829 -) on November 5, 1847, in Marshall County.⁴⁴⁰ Thomas and Mary Ann were 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-) Its possible that Samuel is the same "S. Odie/Olie" Bland (C1857-1935) who married Lula E. Reynolds (July 23, 1868 -1954) on August 12, 1886.⁴⁴¹

(6) Emeranda Bland (C1858-)

(7) Thomas L. Bland (C1860-) The records of the State Line Cemetery, Petersburg Quadrangle, contain a reference to T.L. Bland (February 29, 1860 - March 15, 1948) and Ida _____ (November 28, 1864 - March 14, 1939)⁴⁴²

Lincoln County Tennessee.

439 LCT Marriages: 1880-1899, p. 64

440 Sistler in MNotes.

441 Ibid, p. 80; Lincoln County Tennessee Pioneers, Lincoln County Marriage Book C, Vol; XXIII No. 2 (June 1994), p. 66. Cf Lincoln County Tennessee Pioneers, Vol II, No. 4, p. 95. Lincoln County Tennessee Marriages: 1880-1899, p. 42.

442 Marsh and Marsh, Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee pp. 342-343, 418. Cf. Cemetery Records of Lincoln County Tennessee, Lincoln Quadrangle, p. 250 and Petersburg Quadrangle, p. 295. Sistler in MNotes.

BLOUNT/CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA ⁴⁴³

(Blount County is on the border between Alabama and Tennessee, directly south of Franklin and Lincoln Counties Tennessee. There is some suggestion, though it is not conclusive, that the Lincoln County Tennessee and Blount County Alabama Families are connected. Cullman County was formed in part from Blount County in 1877).

1. JOHN BLAND (posted in 1840 Census as John Blawn) would have been born C1780-1790. He was in Blount County in 1840 but disappears by 1850. In 1840, John was aged 50/60, living with an adult woman, aged also 50/60. He also had in the household a male age 20-30 a female age 20-30 and two females under 5. There were also enumerated 2 free males and seven free females who were persons of color. ⁴⁴⁴ John could have been an older brother or relative of Samuel Houston Bland (1) below and Joyce McCool makes a persuasive case that he is the father of: ⁴⁴⁵

A. GEORGE W. BLAND (C1816/1817 -) heretofore considered a son of Samuel J. Bland below, was born in Tennessee and was married to Elizabeth Caldwell (C1817/1818 -) also born in Tennessee, in Blount County Alabama on May 4, 1837. ⁴⁴⁶ Both were enumerated as age 45 in the 1860 census. George and Elizabeth had six children all born in Blount County Alabama:

- (1) **Martha Bland** (C1839/1840 -) Martha married James M. Bryan on May 10, 1876 in Blount County.
- (2) **Mary Jane Bland** (C1841/1842 -) Mary Jane was shown as age 22 in the 1860 census. She married James L. Young in Blount County on January 14, 1858.
- (3) **John Bland** (C1843/1844 -)
- (4) **Samuel Bland** (C1845/1846 -)
- (5) **Sarah Louisa Bland** (C1847/1848 -)
- (6) **James Bland** (C1849- died before 1860)

⁴⁴³ For much of the information about the Bland family of Blount County Alabama, as well as the family of Lincoln County Tennessee, I have relied on a thick notebook sent me by Joyce McCool January 26, 2006. Throughout, I refer to it as MCnotes.

⁴⁴⁴ Family Group Sheet prepared by Joyce McCool in MCnotes, based primarily on the 1840 census. The 1870 Census for Lincoln County, District 19, identifies Catherine Bland "Colored" (C1834-) with children: Andy Bland (C1854-); Charles Bland (C1864-); and A.G. Bland (a daughter) (C1864-). District 20 included a "colored" male named Willie Bland (C1835-) with a family that included a female marked "M" (Mulatto?) named Mary Bland, aged 10 and a male named Robert Bland, aged 2.

⁴⁴⁵ McCool, Final McNotes.

⁴⁴⁶ This marriage and others listed with precise dates are likely found in Alabama Marriages, 1809-1920 and Blount County Alabama Marriages 1820-1892, Alabama Marriages 1820-1844, Alabama Marriages 1820-1888 cited in MCnotes.

(7) Elizabeth Bland (C1850 -)⁴⁴⁷

1. **SAMUEL HOUSTON BLAND** (C1792/1793 – after 1850) There is a Houston Bland identified in a Land transaction in Blount County in 1820/1821, suggesting an older Houston, a brother of this Houston's father, or that the name of Samuel Bland (1793-1850) was Samuel Houston Bland.⁴⁴⁸ Simplicity argues for the latter. Samuel was born in South Carolina. He is identified in a land grant in Blount County September 5, 1821. He was living in the household of James Bland (2. A. below) in the 1850 Census of Blount County Alabama. Samuel appears to have had a family in Tennessee because all three of his sons were born there. In 1814, there was a Samuel Bland on the Tax List of Franklin County Tennessee who, however, was never on a Census record. A number of names on the tax list later turned up in Blount County Alabama. Another Samuel Bland was in the 1820 Census of Overton County Tennessee. Given geographic proximity, a migration to Blount County would have seemed much more likely by someone in Franklin County.⁴⁴⁹ His wife was Elizabeth _____, who was aged 30/40 in 1830 and was gone by the time of the 1840 census.⁴⁵⁰

2. **ELIZABETH UNKNOWN POSSIBLY BLAND** (C1790/1800 – before 1840)⁴⁵¹ Elizabeth, very similar to and possibly the wife of Samuel Houston Bland (1 above) enumerated in the 1830 Census age 30/40 (C1790/1800 – died before 1840). Her husband's name is unknown but there was a James Blaim noted with 163 acres of land in Huntsville Alabama in 1822. Elizabeth was aged 30/40 and she and her Bland husband would have been married about 1812. Children included: 1 male aged 15/20 (James, A below C1813-after 1860); 1 male 10/15 (William B below, C1817/1823 – after 1870); 1 male aged 5/10 (George C below C1816/1817 -); 1 female aged 5/10 (Carrie Anna Hannah D Below) one female aged 0/5.⁴⁵² Later censuses suggest the following children:⁴⁵³

447 1850 US Federal Census Blount County Alabama, family of George and Elizabeth Bland in MCnotes, indicates presence in 1850 of "jas" Bland, a female, age 2 months in 1850.

448 Land Grants, Blount County Alabama, 1820-1821, in MCnotes.

449 PUP op. cit. .

450 Family Group Sheets by Joyce McCool in MCnotes, based on 1850 Census and Blount County Alabama Land Records. CF "Families in the deep South" MCnotes. This line was formerly discussed in AC 5-1, pp. 49-50 based essentially on information provided by 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, results presented in AC 5-1, pp. 29-50 passim.

451 See "Descendants of Elizabeth Unknown" transmitted via E-Mail, Joyce McCool to Charles L. Bland and Philip Bland, November 5, 2006.

452 MCnotes.

453 E-Mail, Philip Bland to Joyce McCool, March 3, 2008, has been invaluable in documenting tomstone dates for members of this family from the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery in Blount County Alabama.

A. JAMES BLAND (C1813/1814 -after 1860) James was born in Tennessee and married to Susannah R. Edwards, (C1814/1815 - 1888), a sister of Elizabeth Edwards (C1815 -)who married James' brother William, on September 9, 1833 in Blount County. James died in Alabama. A letter dated March 9, 1837, from Hannah Hopper to her children, who migrated from Lincoln County Tennessee to Blount County Alabama, mentions the recent birth of a daughter "Feraby" (see 2 below), to James Bland suggesting a reasonably close relationship, reinforced by James purchase of 80 acres in Blount County from John and Mary Hopper on December 20, 1837. By 1840, There was a James Bland enumerated in Blount County, aged 20/30 (James would have been 26) with a woman aged 20/30 (Susan would have been 25). They showed one male aged 5/10 (William J. Bland (1) below was 5) and two daughters aged 0-5 (Peschy was 3 and Frances was 1). James was also enumerated in the 1850 and 1860 census. Their children, all born in Alabama and identified in the 1850 Census, Dwelling 530, were: ⁴⁵⁴

(1) William J. Bland (C1833/1835 – May 14, 1864 ⁴⁵⁵He married Martha Ann T. Whaley (April 14, 1838 - April 8, 1888) in Blount County on May 26, 1855. Martha is buried at the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery in Cullman County Alabama. William enlisted on Company C, 29th Alabama Regiment on march 12 1863. He received pay for active service through August 1863 and was admitted to the Ross Hospital in Mobile Alabama on September 9, 1863, then was furloughed for 25 days September 25, 1863. he was killed at the battle of Reseca on May 14, 1864 and is buried at the Reseca cemetery in Gordon County Georgia. William's will was probated August 2, 1876.⁴⁵⁶ By the 1870 Census, in addition to Mary Bland, age 28, uncertain relationship, William and Martha had the following children: ⁴⁵⁷

(a) James E. Bland (May 1856 - 1927) James evidently moved to Texas by 1876 but died in Cullman County Alabama. He married Alverado Staggs (October 1859 -) in Blount County on August 18, 1875 in Blount County Alabama. They had nine children. ⁴⁵⁸

⁴⁵⁴ Family Group Sheets by Joyce McCool in MCnotes, based on 1850 Census. "Descendants of James W. Bland" submitted via e-mail, Philip Bland to Charles L. Bland, March 2, 2008, has been invaluable.

⁴⁵⁵ William J. Bland's will is probated August 2, 1876 per Probate Minutes of Blount County Alabama, 1874-1878, pp. 260-261, 273, with Martha A.T. Bland administrator, heirs were cited as James E. Bland, Mary E. Bland, Pickens Bland, Josephine M.R. Bland. In her Widow's pension Application of 1887, Martha stated that William had died during or soon after the Civil War. Cited in E-Mail Joyce McCool to Charles L. Bland, October 3, 2007.

⁴⁵⁶ Probate Minutes Book 1874-1878, Blount County Alabama, pp. 26-261 & 273, August 2, 1876. In MCnotes.

⁴⁵⁷ Family Group Sheet by Joyce McCool in MCnotes. William and Martha's children are discussed further in E-Mail, Joyce McCool to Charles L. Bland, October 3, 2007. Information about William's military service is found in Final McNotes. Zorns, Hold at All Hazards. Cf. Ancestry.Com, US National Archives, Civil War Compiled Military Service Records (1999)

⁴⁵⁸ Additional information for James E. Bland, see McRevisions, p. 15., 19. Their children were: Mat Bland (May 1880 -) and

- (b) Mary Ellen Bland (C1858-) married Joseph Foust. They moved to Cullman County Alabama.⁴⁵⁹
- (c) Margaret "Maggie" Bland (C1859 -) Margaret married Alexander Graves on November 27, 1879 in an evident double wedding with her sister Josephine.
- (d) Pickens Markane Bland (March 26, 1859 – September 21, 1909) Pickens married Dicey Ann Manning. (May 13, 1859 – May 22, 1917) on October 3, 1878 in Blount County Alabama. Pickens and Dicey moved to Texas but returned to Alabama. Pickens and Dicey died at Hanceville in Cullman County. Both are buried at the Hopewell cemetery. They had eleven children.
- (e) Rody Bland (C1864 -) Its possible that Rody died young. He only appeared in the 1870 Census for Blount County Alabama.
- (f) Josephine M.R. Bland (C1862 -) married C.W. Williams November 27, 1879 in an evident double wedding with her sister Margaret.
- (2) Phereby/Peschy/Phischy Bland (C January 1, 1837 - September 5, 1909) letter. Phereby married M.L. Shannon (March 23, 1839 – July 25, 1888) on December 18, 1856 in Blount County. An interesting letter from Hannah Hopper dated March 9, 1837 (A above) states "James Bland and his family are well and doing well, they have a fine daughter since you saw them, which they call Feraby."⁴⁶⁰
- (3) James Houston Bland (January 29, C1839/1841 - December 9, 1932)⁴⁶¹ James is enumerated as age 26 in 1870 and age 49 in 1880. James birth date of 1831, indicated in the 1880 census, would make him problematic as a child of James Bland and Susan Edwards, thus an later date is probable though likely before 1844. I would suggest a birth year of C1839. Married Hannah A. _____ (February 27, 1839 - June 3, 1918) about 1860. Children of James and Hannah were:⁴⁶²

Mary M. Bland (January 1882

459 Marriage to Joseph Foust, see McRevisions, p. 15.

460 Hannah Hopper to "Dear Children" possibly Samuel Jones and Polly Bland, March 9, 1837, in e-mail, Cliff to Joyce McCool, July 23, 2002, in MCnotes.

461 James Houston's tombstone dates at Hopewell Cemetery are given as 1851, almost certainly a typo since it would signify that he married a woman who was born in 1839 and make him too young to have the children that are credited to him. Variations in successive census records make his actual age problematic but it is probable he was born about 1839.

462 Family Group Sheets in MCnotes. In E-Mail, Joyce McCool to Charles L. Bland and

- (a) Columbus Bland (C1861-) Columbus either had died or was gone from the household by 1880.
- (b) Georgeann Bland (C1863 -)
- (c) Cicero F. Bland (July 31, 1870 – September 28, 1899) buried at the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery in Blount County Alabama.
- (d) Theodore F. Bland (C 1871)
- (e) James B. Bland (C1872 -) who married S.H. McMurry in Blount County December 24, 1898.
- (f) Morgana F. Bland (C1875 -) married Francis B. Yeilding on March 2, 1898 in Blount County. She is noted as a teacher at Warrior School from 1895-1897.⁴⁶³
- (g) Tulula J. Bland (C1877 -)

(4) Frances Elizabeth Bland (May 30, 1840 – February 10, 1921)⁴⁶⁴ married John L. Self (November 11, 1835 – January 22, 1904) on July 17, 1862. Both were born in Blount County and died in Cullman County. They had four children:

- (a) Sarah Ann Self (C1866 -)
- (b) Archibald A. Self (C1869 -)
- (c) Virgil L. Self (C1871 -)
- (d) Elender A. Self⁴⁶⁵

(8) John B. Bland (March 26, 1841 - November 25, 1883) After serving the Confederacy as a private in Company C, 12th Alabama Cavalry, John died from a possum bite where he lived in Hopewell in Cullman County Alabama. The 1860 Census records him as aged 16. He married Lucy "Dicey" Ann Baysinger (August 6, 1842 – October 27, 1926) in Blount County on October

Philip Bland, November 5, 2006, Joyce McCool finds a land grant for Houston Bland in Blount County Alabama, dated 1820-1821, suggesting that the younger Houston was named for the older, whose identity is unknown.

463 Cathy Borden Sloan, The Early History of Warrior Alabama, (1990) p. 137.

464 In 1860, Frances was enumerated as "Francis" and shown to be aged 18.

465 "Families in the Deep South" April 8, 2004, in MCnotes.

- 12, 1864. Dicey is buried at the Hopewell cemetery. Their children were:⁴⁶⁶
- (a) Thomas Bland (C1867 -)
 - (b) William Henry Bland (April 27, 1870 – June 21, 1948) who married Mary Irene Hestla (April 22, 1875 – January 3, 1940) on March 15, 1894. Both William and Mary are buried at the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery. They were the parents of seven children.⁴⁶⁷
 - (c) J. Mack Bland (March 4, 1874 – January 31, 1932) who married Dessie Mitchell (March 30, 1882 – October 15, 1929). Both mack and Dessie are buried at the Hopewell Cemetery.
 - (d) Kay Bland (C1877 – 1920/1930) married _____ Roden.
 - (e) Lawson Bland (January 8, 1881 – November 30, 1955) who married Eva McGlown (October 17, 1891 – July 15, 1980).
 - (f) Clawson Bland (January 8, 1881 – June 11, 1921) an identical twin of Lawson Bland. Buried at the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery.
 - (g) Edna Bland , who married William Weeks.
 - (h) Minnie Bland, who married Orlando Manning.
- (9) Milton Bland (C1846 - April 18, 1863) Milton was recorded as age 14 in the 1860 census. He “died of disease” (he died of bronchitis) at Petersburg Virginia after serving with Company F, 48th Alabama Infantry, CSA. He enlisted on April 10, 1862 in Company F of the 48th Alabama Infantry, also known as the Jeff Davis Boys.⁴⁶⁸
- (10) Nelly J. Bland (C1849 -) Nelly was recorded as 10 in the 1860 census. She married N. C. Gassoway on October 12, 1865 in Blount County.

⁴⁶⁶ Family Group Sheet prepared by Joyce McCool in MCnotes.

⁴⁶⁷ Including John Mitchell Bland who married Clara Gladys Jackson, parents of Carol Bland Yust.

⁴⁶⁸ 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, which may refer to Milton/Houston's grandfather. For Milton's Confederate service, see Family Group Sheet of William J. Bland, prepared by Joyce McCool in MCnotes. Cf William Zorn, Hold at All Hazards: The Story of the 29th Alabama Infantry Regiment. (1987), cited in MCnotes.

- (11) Mary "Polly" Bland (C1848 -) Mary was recorded as 8 in the 1860 census. She married Marion Matthews (August 1851 – 1913) in Blount County on July 2, 1872. Mary was the youngest child identified in the 1850 census.
- (12) Calvin Bland (C1853/1855-) was married in Blount County April 25, 1876, to Mary E. Bryan (C1857-). Their children were: ⁴⁶⁹
- (a) Charley Bland (C1878 -)
 - (b) Dolly Bland (C1880 -)
 - (c) Alice Bland (C1880 -) Alice and Dolly were twins.
- (13) Louiza Bland (1858-)
- (14) Martha Bland married _____ Bryant.
- (15) Susie Bland married _____ Shannon.

B. CARRIE ANNA HANNAH KATHERINE "KATIE" BLAND (C1819 – after 1880), was Joyce McCool's great, great grandmother. ⁴⁷⁰ She was a child aged 5/10 in the household of Elizabeth Bland (A above) in the 1830 census of Blount County Alabama. Carrie married John Daily (C1819-1889) in Blount County on December 29, 1842. Carrie died in Cedar Glades, Montgomery County Arkansas. The children of John Daily and Carrie Bland were: ⁴⁷¹

- (1) Effie Elizabeth Daily (December 1, 1843 - October 16, 1874) Effie married Henry M. Tidmore in Blount County on September 28, 1870.
- (2) George W. Daily (May 29, 1845 – June 13, 1914) George married Mary Holly on November 11, 1869 in Blount County. =
- (3) Aytcha Nellie Hie Lougainy Daily (November 11, 1846 – April 26, 1899) married William Henry Watkins (December 10, 1840 - 1902) in Brownville, Blount County on October 22, 1865. They moved to and lived near Avant Arkansas and Aytcha is buried at the Cedar Glade Cemetery there. During the Civil War, William served with Company C, the 29th Alabama Infantry. Their child was:

- (a) William Richard Watkins (May 1, 1874 - March 27, 1960) was

469 Family Group Sheets in MNotes.

470 E-mail, Joyce McCool to Clarice Starling, July 7, 2005. Ms. Starling furnished a copy of this correspondence to the author.

471 Family Group Sheets in MNotes

born at Cedar Glades, Montgomery County Arkansas and died at Shawnee, Pott County Oklahoma.

I am pleased to display a photo of Aytcha and her husband William Henry Watkins:



Aytcha Nellie Hie Lougainy Daily (1846 – 1899) William Henry Watkins (1840 - 1902),
Courtesy Joyce Bland McCool

(4) Francis M. Daily (August 13, 1848 - October 5, 1880) Married

Rebecca Elizabeth "Betty" Tidmore on August 4, 1870.

(5) Sylvania Daily (C1851-)

(6) Barbara A. Daily (C1859 -)

C. WILLIAM BLAND (C1817 – after 1870) was born in Tennessee and married Elizabeth Louisa Edwards (C1823 -), a sister of Susanna Edwards who married William's brother James, born in Alabama, on September 5, 1839 in Blount County Alabama. William is shown as age 27 in 1850, age 40 in 1860 and 53 in 1870. The 1860 census for most of the Bland families enumerated seems to be substantially off the mark, and the 1870 census seems to be accurate and would comport with the 1830 census. William appears to be enumerated as head of household in 1840 as aged 15/20 with one female (perhaps Louisa) aged 20-30, and a female child aged 0/5. Both William and Louisa were enumerated as age 30 in 1860. One of their children must have died before 1850, by which time they had:

(1) William J. Bland (C1842/1843 – May 31, 1862) William enlisted in Co. "F", 48th Alabama Regiment on April 10, 1862 at the age of 19. According to his Civil War Records, he died one month and twenty-one days later of measles at Auburn, Lee Co., Alabama.

(2) Susan Bland (C1861-) Susan is found in the 1870 Cewneus for Blount County Alabama, living with William Bland and Elizabeth Edwards. Given the wide gap in age between Susan and William J. Bland (C1842) it is possible that she is a relative but not a daughter.

D. UNKNOWN BLAND

3. CAROLINE BLAND (c1815 -) another possible widow of an unknown sibling of Samuel Houston Bland, had the following children, to my knowledge enumerated for the first time in 1870 where they were indexed as Blam. :⁴⁷²

(1) "Polly" Mary Bland (C1848 -)

(2) Caroline Bland (C1852 -)

(3) Martha Bland (C1856 -)

472 1870 Census, in MNotes.

DAVIDSON, WILLIAMSON AND MAURY COUNTIES

There seems to be some semblance of connection between Blands living in these 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. Williamson County, just southwest of Davidson, is wedged between Davidson and Maury Counties, and was formed from Davidson in 1799. Maury county was formed from Williamson in 1807. I cannot prove this construction and offer it for criticism and development:

DAVIDSON COUNTY

Davidson County was formed in 1783 from Washington County.

1. **ARTHUR BLAND** : (C1777 – by January 27, 1821)⁴⁷³ married Naomi Alexander in February 16, 1808.⁴⁷⁴ Arthur Bland and Naomi Alexander were likely parents of (Dates of children are extrapolated from age 16 at marriage for women and age 21 at marriage for men):

A. **SALLY BLAND** (C1792-) married Michael Goodwin, September 20, 1808.⁴⁷⁵

B. **PHEBY BLAND** (C1795 -) married George Wright December 24, 1811.⁴⁷⁶

C. **ARTHUR BLAND** (C1800 -) married Polly A. Feltz on December 14, 1819. Arthur is recorded as a minor, under guardianship of Cary Felts, as of January 1, 1816.⁴⁷⁷

D. **JOSEPH A. BLAND** (C1808 – June 1850) died in Davidson County of Cholera in June 1850.⁴⁷⁸ Joseph was probably born earlier than 1815 because he married Serena Walker on July 18, 1829 in Davidson County. In January 1836, Joseph was an heir and “distributee” of the estate of Nicholas T. Walker.⁴⁷⁹ Joseph and Serena were the probable parents of:

⁴⁷³Cited in Genforum posting, July 30, 2005 by William “Rebel” Hagan. Probate records from 1800-1825 for Williamson County identify a settlement for Arthur Bland with “allotment for widow” suggesting that this Arthur Bland died before 1825. Unknown Collection, p. 7, identifies Arthur Bland and Cary Felts, as survivor of Arthur Bland, Deceased,

⁴⁷⁴ E-mail Joyce McCool to Rebel Hagan, July 28, 2005; Genforum posting, July 30, 2005 by William “Rebel” Hagan. This quotes

⁴⁷⁵ Ibid.

⁴⁷⁶ Interesting to discover would be whether George Wright was related to Lucy Wright, who married Isaac Bland (1798-1868) in Davidson County on July 17, 1827.

⁴⁷⁷ E-mail, Rebel Hagan to Charles L. Bland, , July 28, 2005. Collection of Documents, unknown origin, 34 pp. reference to guardianship of Arthur Bland is on p. 6. See also p. 8, Hereafter called Unknown Papers.

⁴⁷⁸ MCNotes

⁴⁷⁹ E-mail, Rebel Hagan to Joyce McCool July 30, 2005 quoting Records of Davidson County Tennessee, Minute Book B. It should be noted that the contest involved disposition of seven slaves who belonged to Nicholas T. Walker.

(1) Joseph A. Bland (October 18, 1830 - July 20, 1905) is living in dwelling 245 with Anna J. Bland (C1833 -) in 1850. 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 Hughes (1837-), evidently a second wife, whom Joseph married on December 13, 1853. with a son Oliver (C1854 -) and Green Burnett.⁴⁸⁰

(2) Rebecca Bland (C1835 -) is enumerated in dwelling 285, living with Ira G. Burnett, a 36 year old farmer. He may be the Green Burnett identified with Joseph Bland above.⁴⁸¹

E. ZILPHA BLAND Married _____ Kinsey.⁴⁸²

F. JOHN T. BLAND (February 27, 1825 – April 21, 1896) was enumerated in the 1850 census in dwelling 291. John T. Bland witnessed a pension application by Siller Burke on December 10, 1854.⁴⁸³ He is also enumerated in 1880, living with a son named Oliver A. Bland (C1854-) a nephew, son of Joseph A. Bland (B below) in Davidson County He is living with an 84 year old woman named Sarah Felts, born in North Carolina, a woman who would be about the age of a sister of Polly A. Feltz. John was buried at the Hamilton Church Cemetery in Nashville, Davidson County Tennessee. The tombstone is inscribed “Love you so much”⁴⁸⁴

MISSING LINKS: The 1860 Census in Davidson County also includes A.C. Bland (C1838-) and Martha Bland (C1844 -) both born in Tennessee.⁴⁸⁵

Marriages Sistler finds the following marriage in Davidson County,⁴⁸⁶
John Bland married Delilah Moseley October 8, 1862.⁴⁸⁷

Cemetery Records: A tombstone is marked “Daddy/Ollie Bland/Peay/ June 7, 1884 – April 17, 1945)

“I Edward Bland (1875-1906) with Kate E. Bland (C1873 – 1946)

480 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. See Acklen, Tombstone Inscriptions and Historical Manuscripts (Nashville, Davidson County Tennessee), cited in AC 3-1, p. 41, courtesy of Vera Bland.

481 Ibid.

482 Genforum posting by Mark Alexander, March 6, 2001

483 Ibid.

484 Federal Census for Davidson County Tennessee MNotes. E-Mail, Rebel Hagan to Joyce McCool, July 30, 2005.

485 E-Mail, Rebel Hagan to Charles L. Bland, July 28, 2005

486 Sistler in MNotes.

487 E-Mail, Rebel Hagan to Charles L. Bland, July 28, 2005

Records from Davidson County Tennessee, sent me long ago by Vera Bland show the following cemetery inscriptions:⁴⁸⁸

Jackie Bland (1856-1857) daughter of Joshua H. Bland and H. Bland.

Alex Bland (August 25, 1845 - March 30, 1916)

Margaret Evans Bland (1851-1928) the wife of Alex.

William P. Bland of Davidson County , was discharged from service in the CSA in 1862.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Williamson County was formed in 1799 from Davidson County. The 1850 Census shows John W. Bland (1822-), born in Virginia, with his wife Malinda (1825-) born in Tennessee, and their children Mary (1845-); James (1847-) and Samuel (1849).

MAURY COUNTY

Maury County, formed in 1807 from Williamson County is in Central Tennessee bounded by Gilles, Lawrence, Marshall and Williamson counties. It includes a coherent family group that so far has been undeveloped by a family historian:

(1) Willson Bland (1804-), a stone cutter born in North Carolina, living with his wife Susan Brown (1810-) whom he married September 9, 1835. By 1860, a family of nine children:

(a) John T Bland

(b) Martha Elizabeth Bland, (October 24, 1837 - April 21, 1853) her tombstone, says Martha died at age 15 years, 7 months, 7 days, daughter of Wilson and Susan W. Bland. Martha's grave is found in Nashville, Davidson County Tennessee.⁴⁸⁹

(c) William Bland (1839-)

(d) James Hardin Bland, (February 1, 1841 - November 5, 1857) Like his sister Martha, James' tombstone is found in Nashville, Davidson County Tennessee, stating he died at age 16 years, 9 months, 5 days.⁴⁹⁰

(e) Mary Bland (1842-)

(f) Susan Bland (1844-)

488 Acklen, Op. Cit.

489 Acklen, Op. Cit.

490 Ibid.

- (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-).

MCNAIRY COUNTY TENNESSEE

McNairy County was formed in 1823 from Hardin County.

1. ARTHUR BLAND⁴⁹¹ (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 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 her⁴⁹²

(1) Sarah Bland (1849 -)

(2) John J. Bland (1850 -)

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

492 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? 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.

(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."⁴⁹³

D. JOHN BLAND

E. MORRIS BREWER BLAND (December 12, 1829 – May 2, 1902) came from North Carolina.⁴⁹⁴ Morris Brewer Bland testifies in a Pension Application for a neighbor in 1879.⁴⁹⁵ 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 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.⁴⁹⁶ 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. The 1870 Census of Benton County Tennessee, contains a reference to M.B. Bland (C1829 – after 1879) married to H.J.H. Bland (C1834 -) with children:

(1). Sarah Elizabeth Bland (June 16, 1853 -)⁴⁹⁷ maybe Morris' daughter by a prior marriage.

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

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

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

494 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.

495 E-Mail, Rebel Hagan to Charles L. Bland, July 28, 2005

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

497 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. They had one child.
- (b) Robert Bland (June 4, 1889 – May 16, 1973) died at Cedar Grove Arkansas. Robert married (1st) Ruth _____. They had four children.⁴⁹⁸
- (2nd) Robert married Lillie _____ and they had one child.⁴⁹⁹
- (c) Ethel Bland (November 10, 1890 – January 4, 1929) died at Bayoumeto in Jacksonville County Arkansas. Ethel married Vender Earl Holt. They had three children:⁵⁰⁰
- (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 one child :⁵⁰¹
- (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 two children:
- (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 chil
- (h) Alice Bland (August 21, 1899 – May 9, 1904)

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

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

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

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

- (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. The y had five children:
- (j) Gertrude Bland (April 24, 1905 - May 16, 1980) married Carl Ballard. They had three children:
- (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.⁵⁰²
- (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.⁵⁰³
- (f) Ona Mae Bland (July 5, 1910 -November 21, 1990) is buried at the Butlerville Arkansas Cemetery.

502 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 Ms. Branch called him "Scholar" but then Schuyler in an e-mail dated June 25, 2005.

503 Cecil is the mother of my correspondent Alice Branch.

(g) Eva Bland (August 2, 1916 – August 15, 1991) is buried at the Butlerville cemetery. She married _____ Fegert.

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

(10) Mary Evoline Bland (October 17, 1874 -)⁵⁰⁴

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 CSA 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:⁵⁰⁵

(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) 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)

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

505 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.

- (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)
- (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:

(I) JAMES BLAND (1841 -)

(J) WILLIAM H. BLAND (1843 -)

(K) MARY E. BLAND (1845 -)

Cemetery Records of Wilson County⁵⁰⁶

_____ Bland (April 1856 – September 28, 1858)
C.D. Bland (July 29, 1890 – August 22, 1921)

⁵⁰⁶ MNotes. Also, various correspondence from Rebel Hagan, July-August 2005.

E.N. Bland (September 30, 1860 – October 24, 1908)
Elizabeth Bland, (November 23, 1830 - February 28, 1863)
Emily G. Bland, (1837 – February 14, 1898)⁵⁰⁷
George P. Bland (July 19, 1866 - October 21, 1918)
J.M. Bland (April 3, 1862 – August 16, 1862)
James Arthur Bland (February 17, 1885 – July 19, 1890)
John M. Bland (October 8, 1820 – February 19, 1862)
John William Bland (November 29, 1877 – December 5, 1877)
M.E. Bland (September 26, 1861 – June 14, 1921)
Mildred Bland (September 9, 1917 to September 12, 1917)
Sarah E. Bland (November 27, 1854 – November 27, 1939)
Thomas Bland, (June 11, 1838 – February 6, 1921)⁵⁰⁸
William A. Bland (December 19, 1851 – July 29, 1895)
Zechariah P. Bland (February 17, 1854 – May 21, 1888)⁵⁰⁹

Sistler lists a Wilson co. marriage between John M. Bland and Elizabeth Dobson, on Alternate dates, April 19, 1949, and April 10, 1850.⁵¹⁰

This concludes volume 24-26 of Among Cousins

507 Rootsweb.com posting January 1, 2004.

508 Ibid.

509 E-Mail Rebel Hagan to Charles L. Bland, July 28, 2005.

510 Sistler, in MNotes.