

Volume 3-1 December 1984 – May 1985, 42pp. and Volume 3-2, June-November 1985, 56pp. With this issue, my formatting improved, with photos, maps and other displays included in the text rather than attached. The masthead, though crude by today's standards, also improved. . I continue to identify lines parenthetically numbered by the new Henry System developed by TereseBueker,(Henry System Grouping of Bland family Lines, see hyperlink Genealogy Bland Groups and Family Lines *updated June 2014*). Reader beware: these were early years when we were still learning what lines belonged where, mixing up lines, names etc. Many of these lines have been updated, (check this website Family Lines Link) Remember this was almost twenty years before DNA and the larger, single volume newsletters published beginning in 1995 had all this trial and error to build on.

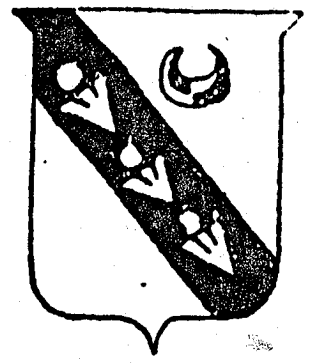
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AFTERTHOUGHTS ON A VISIT SOUTH AND THE BOOK OF JAMES

In late September, I took my beautiful blue eyed son with me on a trip south. Tommy and I spent three nights in Virginia, sharing time with John Thomas Bland III and his wife of Arlington, Virginia and with Reverend Linneous Preston Bland of Wakefield, Virginia, his daughter Nan and her husband Walter (my great regret was that I could not put Walter's wonderful smile in a bottle and return it to cold, cold Buffalo to keep me warm this winter). L.P. Bland is 84 and has lived with a respirator in recent years, but he is one of those can do, no regrets kind of people who has an immense zest for life and doesn't let a little adversity slow him down. L.P. has found a productive outlet for himself in genealogy, and he gets considerable help from his daughter Nan. While I was in Wakefield, which is in the heart of the land that was lived upon by the James River Bland family during the 17th and 18th century, L.P. took me on a tour of the ante-bellum plantations, including Flowerdew Hundred, where once lived the Pothyress family; Jordan's point, now an airport; Cawsons, now the site of a hospital; and Westover, which still stands. While at Westover, I could look out over the James River and see the neighborly symmetry that existed among the genteel in the 18th century. Once there, it was easy to see how young Richard Bland (1710-1776) made his way up the river to Flowerdew Hundred to

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is an organic extension of my book, A Vision
of Unity: The Bland Family in England and
America. Although I am the author of A
Vision of Unity, I am far from being its
sole creator. The book is a product of
research shared with me by many interested
persons. "Among Cousins" continues the
ever evolving research on the Bland family.
It is my hope that "Among Cousins" will
continue as the vehicle that enables ex-
pansion of our collective knowledge about
the Bland family, and that all new subscribers
will join the enterprise in this spirit of
sharing.

As editor, I assume all responsibility
for printing, sale and timely distribution
of the Newsletter. I will publish all
material received without consciously altering
the contributor's intent, but I reserve the
right of editorial comment.

Charles L. Bland

court Anne Pothyress. Further back in time, I could envision Westover, less the expansive lawn and beautiful house of the Byrd's, when a more rudimentary home was occupied by Theodorick Bland and Anna Bennett; I could envision Theodorick and Anna watching their young sons at play on those banks, just as I watched my Tommy, who was not taken in by the moment but wanted only to know where were some stones he could throw in the river. I am grateful to L.P. Bland for showing me these sights, but more for his spirit, for his wish to probe back into the past and bring back to life common folk who are long since dead. It seems to me that this is what genealogists are about, to resurrect the lives of our ancestors who otherwise would be forgotten in the dust of history.

This point, the finiteness of life and of memory, was driven home to me during conversations with two half-aunts on my mother's side, during my trip south. One, Ann, while perusing A Vision of Unity, saw a photograph of a cousin of whom she was especially fond. She remarked that it was not true that people die, because we always have their memories. In my middle aged gloominess, too old to ignore death and too young to reconcile it, I replied that unrecorded memories are only good for one or two generations. I carried this theme with me into a conversation the following day with Ann's sister Eunice (a lifetime friend who was a special gift to me, she arrived in this world on my second birthday). Eunice, feeling the same pangs of middle age that I do, commiserated with me by quoting James 4:14 "...life...is a vapor..."

Eunice's admonition was still with me two days later when I drove with my Aunt Grace to Pender County, North Carolina and visited the barren, unattended grave of my father. Leaving his grave I remarked to his sister Grace that one of the legacies he left with me was the wish to carry on the work of holding the family together. In his life, Dad had loved reunions and loved to talk about family history. His admiration of the work done by his brother, Berry Jewell Bland and Berry's daughter Margaret, had been partially responsible for my own incentive to begin the task that eventually became A Vision of Unity and "Among Cousins." Dad found it difficult to visualize a family beyond our immediate or, anyway, not too distant kin. And he had his hands full in trying to cohere a family that was at once geographically disparate (often by choice) and not always comfortable together. But to the last, he persisted in writing to relatives, trying to keep in touch, visiting when he could, and exhorting the stubborn goats to get to the annual reunion (he succeeded with me exactly twice).

Upon reflection, I feel that in a way I have taken Dad's dream of family unity one step further. Whereas Dad concentrated his effort upon our immediate family (those souls in North Carolina who descended from James Cansler Bland (1854-1912) and Berry Elsey Bland (1856-1917)) my focus has been upon every Bland in America, to discover, bring out and unify as many of the lines as can be found. It is a different task, to be sure, but the sense that it not only continues Dad's goals, but extends them, adds to my sense of satisfaction in a work that has been almost unmatched in the joy it has brought me. And in it all, I always gleam when we put together the traces of some new soul and identify him or her as a living, breathing person who belongs to a specific family.

These are thoughts I wanted to share with all of you as "Among Cousins" begins its third year. Especially, I wanted to thank all of you subscribers

1. L.P. Bland and Nan Seeley believe that they are descended from Richard Bland (1710-1776) through Richard's son John (see discussion on page 8). One of the more interesting things L.P. pointed out to me is his belief that an old Bland burial ground lies beneath a thicket of briars and brambles near Jordan's point, which he hopes to get permission to uncover.

for your support and for sharing with me and others the fruits of your own difficult and painstaking research. I hope that this will be an endeavor that will continue for many years to come.

Stephen Boyd Bland and the Reagan Administration: An Editorial

Courtesy of Lenore Bland Brown of Fort Worth, Texas and a new correspondent, Angelia Alford of Maben, Mississippi, I have been able to learn additional information about Stephen Boyd Bland, who died in Beirut, Lebanon on October 23, 1983, and his family. According to a news article forwarded by Lenore Brown, Stephen's mother, motivated by Stephen's death, became a Democratic Party delegate to the 1984 Convention. Good for her! Certainly the issues that led to the placement of those marines in Lebanon were very complex and volatile. And one must accept the possibility that military men may be killed in the line of their duty. Yet the entire response of the Reagan administration to the death of these 241 men has been reprehensible. I quote Jane Mayer of The Wall Street Journal, October 23, 1984: "What's inconceivable to me...is the administration's unwillingness to put its own political embarrassment aside long enough to honor those whose lives its policies claimed." Mayer notes the strangeness that President Reagan, who is credited with reviving patriotism in this country, couldn't find the time to greet the Marine's caskets when they arrived back in the U.S. Consider further that in its euphemistic way of covering up its disasters the Reagan administration initially attempted to classify the 241 servicemen's death as "accidental." Not until almost three months later were the servicemen grudgingly reclassified as "battle casualties," and then only under pressure from the Congress (bi-partisan pressure I might add). Finally, one could not possibly miss the campaign blame shifting of Vice President Bush and the near total absence of any significant Reagan administration official from memorial services this past October 23. This at the same time an administration-sponsored organization was hiring students who were "rescued" from Grenada two days after the Beirut massacre to go out to college campuses to spread the good news that because of President Reagan's "firm" action in Grenada, America was once again "Standing tall." Indeed, we should all bow our heads momentarily in shame at the cynicism the Reagan administration has shown toward those 241 young men who died in a flash on October 23, 1983.

I make no apologies for what I have written, but inasmuch as it is a political statement, I will be glad to print rebuttals in the next issue.

Angelia Alford has suggested a possible linkage of Stephen Boyd Bland to the Bland family of Duplin County, North Carolina through Joseph Bland, son of William Bland (10th Generation, 1726-1775) (see pp. 19-20).

News of Our Cousins

In the last issue I noted the death of Theodoric Bland (1901-1984) who was the brother of Urilla Moore Bland. Urilla Bland noted in a letter to me that Theodoric was a modest and retiring man in life and she did not wish a eulogy for him, a request I shall honor and will only note in passing his fond attachment to my little boy Tommy who was an infant in arms the day Theodoric met him in June 1981.

I have received letters from most of the so-called founders (cf AC 2-2, p. 42). They were holding their own, with two exceptions. A letter I sent to Mary Wallace Day at her Kenesaw, Georgia address was returned unclaimed. I do not know what has happened to Mary. Her help was indispensable in writing

Chapter 11 of A Vision of Unity, but I never heard from her after the book was published. She has been and is missed.

Al Hunter of State College, Pennsylvania suffered his third heart attack on July 28, but although it has slowed him down, it has not stopped him. Al and Mildred sent me the results of his latest research in Indiana and Illinois, some of which will be used in subsequent pages of this number. I'm sure that all of you will join me in wishing Al a speedy, complete recovery.

The Original Work of Charles C. Bland, St. Louis, Missouri

During my trip to St. Louis in October 1983, I had the pleasure of meeting and spending the better part of a Sunday with Charles C. Bland and his family. Along with some genealogical notes on his family (Mr. Bland descends from Peyton Bland and Elizabeth Smith, AC 1-1, pp. 10-13) his daughter handed me an article about the partnership between Charles C. Bland and Gerald Riser which evolved into a company called Flex-O-Lite. Far from an obscurity, Flex-O-Lite, as I understand it, is devoted to a product we all benefit from everyday: highway, curb and airport markings that are composed of tiny microscopic reflective elements called "glass beads." Glass beads "are focusing lenses. Light rays striking the beaded surface are bent and refracted to a sharp focal point behind the bead. Concentrated light from the painted road surface is then reflected back through the beads to the eye." Flex-O-Lite News, Vol. 3, No. 4-Fall 1983. The article published in Fall 1983 indicated that Flex-O-Lite has evolved into a manufacturing concern that produces glass beads in Paris, Texas; Keyser, West Virginia; Nashville, Tennessee; St. Thomas Ontario, Canada, and prospectively in Muscatine, Iowa.

I was immediately struck by the ingenuity of such an insight and felt proud to have folks like Charles C. Bland among our society of cousins. I would like to hear of stories like this about others.

Holding the Line on Prices

For the next year at least, I have been assured that I can hold the line on the cost of A Vision of Unity. Reproducing the book consists of two basic expenses, printing and binding. Since 1982, the printer has held the basic cost per page and assures me it will hold through the April 1985 printing. After the binder informed that his cost for the October 1984 books would increase to \$20 per copy, which would have forced a price increase, I changed vendors and got a binding that was just as sturdy and elegant, but lettered somewhat differently, at a cost of \$10 per copy. Thus the line was held; however, subsequent versions of the book will incorporate the index of Edith Lanning (about 54 extra pages) and I will be forced to raise the price per copy to \$69.95 to accommodate it (\$59.95 for libraries). I feel that the addition of the index will fully justify the price increase.

There has been a cost increase in printing the Newsletter which may be absorbed by the existing \$15 per year price. Back orders (presently Volumes 1 & 2 and after January 1, 1985, Volume 3, Number 1) will entail a \$1.00 surcharge per copy because of the extra cost of individual printings.

Library Donations

I note with pleasure that during the most recent period, significant library placements were made, in part through the generosity of interested subscribers

who purchased library copies. In particular I wish to thank Nelle and Conrad Mang of Houston, Texas who joined with Marian Daniels of San Benito, Texas in placing a copy of A Vision of Unity in The Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library, Houston, Texas. Lenore Bland Brown of Fort Worth, Texas made a similar contribution to the Fort Worth Public Library. Additionally, an anonymous donor has contributed a copy of the book to the New York Public Library, New York City.

In addition to the above, the following libraries purchased copies of A Vision of Unity: The Allen County Historical Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana; The California State Library, Sacramento, California; The Onondago County Public Library, Syracuse, New York; and the Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia.

As I have said before, library contributions by those of you who have the means and interest in doing so, are especially useful ways of spreading the news about the book and the newsletter. I contribute free copies of back and current newsletters to those libraries who either purchase a copy of the book, or have it donated. A library donation is tax deductible.

Those of you who are interested in well placed donations but who have no specific placement in mind, might wish to consider the Indiana State Library which, legitimately I suspect, pleads budgetary limitations. Those who are familiar with the 19th century migratory patterns of the Bland family will recognize the centrality of Indiana. An alternate priority placement would be The Kentucky Historical Society or any reputable library in Kentucky which does not already own a copy (see library list, page 45).

Finally, there is a special reason for contributing a copy of the book to The Museum and Library of Maryland History: the book would be eligible for the 1985 Sumner A. Parker Genealogical Contest, which awards a cash prize annuity to "the best genealogical works concerning families of or originating in Maryland." I further believe that the book, which will be indexed by 1985, stands a strong chance of winning the contest. In that event, I would rebate the cost of the book (\$59.95) to its donor and would ascertain that the donor received proper credit for contributing the book.

I would be glad to hear from any interested parties.

An Index to A Vision of Unity Completed

Last summer Edith Lanning undertook the heroic task of completing an index to A Vision of Unity. The comprehensive index is a much appreciated contribution. It also stimulated me to complete a similar index of the first two volumes of "Among Cousins." The editing and checking of both Edith's and my own work could not have been done without the help of my wife Mary Jane. The indexes work no alchemy, but they do save a lot of time and guess work. For those of you who do not have a copy, but would like one, the book and newsletter indexes are available at a price of \$4.00 each, or \$7.50 for the set.

Cemetery Inscriptions

Terese Bland Beuker has asked that everyone consider checking their libraries or other appropriate sources for cemetery records. Like bible records, gravestone markings are usually done by close family are thus among the more reliable

genealogical evidence. You can readily see the value of contributions like those in the last number by Lloyd Cooley (AC 2-2, pp. 39-40) and in this issue (see pp. 27-32), which have helped to link a Kentucky family to Virginia origins. If you can get appropriate cemetery inscriptions, please send them on to me.

Mini-Reunion

Terese Beuker has asked that we all consider the possibility of a reunion at Salt Lake City, Utah which would be piggy backed to the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference August 6-9, 1985. One way to make this possible might be to pool transportation and lodging wherever possible. Jane and I have talked this over and feel that it is an interesting idea, worth exploring. Leaving aside the question of expenses, if you are interested, write to me or Terese Beuker and we shall see what level of interest there is, say next March or April.

THE BLANDS OF ENGLAND

Bob Bland of Boston, Massachusetts wrote me that during a trip to Nantucket he had met two gentlemen from Sedbergh (pronounced Said-Burr) Yorkshire, England who were quite familiar with the Blands and with the old farm, Bland's Gill (pronounced Blanzgal). The encounter whetted Bob's appetite for a bicycle trip through England in 1985. Bob has been beaten to the punch by Conrad and Nelle Mang who traveled to England late in September and spent a great deal of time completing research. After a series of colorful and futile interactions with British bureaucracy, especially librarians, the Mangs came away with quite a bit, enough as a matter of fact to convince me that there is an enormous amount of information in England that would not be researchable short of an extended stay there. I have just received some of the data gathered by the Mangs and want to take further time to digest it. For now, I would concentrate on two areas:

Refinement on Information about the Children of Adam Bland and Joan Atkyns

Copying information from Boyd's Inhabitants of London, London Genealogical Society Library, the Mang's note that Peter Bland, eldest son of Adam Bland and Joan Atkyns to live to adulthood, married Susan Mason August 12, 1583. Susan was from All Hallows, Lombard Street. Peter's last will was made or probated in 1628. These are small facts, previously unknown, but extremely important to me since I regard disposition of Peter's estate as a key to the Bland family's settlement in America (VU, pp. 26-33). Boyd's Inhabitants also fixes the date and place of the marriage of John Bland "The Grocer" youngest son of Adam Bland and Joan Atkyns, to Susan Deblere at September 30, 1606 in Stade, Germany. Some of the information provided was not valid, e.g., Thomas Bland (C1558-1618, VU, 33-40) conclusively married Elizabeth Harrison Yeardley (1549-1593) and after her, Mary Catcher Moody. Yet the London records show these two women married to two separate Thomas Blands.

While these new pieces of information are more or less superficial and only refine previous logical deductions, they do show what could be accomplished if someone went to England with time to carefully research the available records.

The Blands of St. Andrews Penrith Parish, Cumberland County, England

One of the active possibilities in resolving the question of the parentage of James Bland who died in Stafford County, Virginia in 1708 is that he was born in St. Andrews Penrith Parish, in Cumberland County, adjacent to Westmoreland and York County in the 16th and 17th centuries, now part of Cumbria (VU, pp. 249-254 and AC 2-2, p. 33A). The Mangs sent me transcriptions from St. Andrews Parish registers, ranging from 1556-1812, which clarifies previous information. Briefly, in the unbelievably miserable conditions in Northern England at the turn of the 17th century, there was a James Bland (C1600-1651/1652) who married Susan Cooke, (C1602-1653/1654) on December 16, 1620. They had a family of at least eight children born between 1621-1639 including two sons who lived to adulthood and married: George Bland (1636-???) who married Grace (C1640-1691) about 1658, and John (C1639-after 1688) who married twice, to Margaret Walton (C1642-1675) in 1660, and Julia _____ (C1657-1727) about 1676). Though no connection is proven, John Bland's son Arthur (1688/1689-???) shows no burial date in the parish registers, but an Arthur Bland does appear in St. Mary's County, Maryland, in 1710 (VU, p. 252). More importantly, one of two sons of the above George Bland to live to adulthood was James Bland, born October 21, 1661 or 1662. This James was certainly the same person who shipped out from London bound for East New Jersey in 1684/1685. There was also a James "Blann" of majority age who appeared in St. Mary's Maryland February 14, 1683/1684 to witness probation of a will. Given the precarious nature of information in those times, these could easily be the same James Bland or Blann. I have previously not given much credence to this because available information showed a James Bland marrying Isabell Lowther in 1691, creating a juxtaposition of dates that was just too awkward. The parish registers, however, show that James Bland and Isabell Lowther were both from Orton Parish, leaving our James Bland of St. Andrews Penrith in the clear. Like his cousin Arthur, James (1661-???) did not die in the parish. We know in fact that he came to the American Colonies, East New Jersey. A casual glance at the map shows the proximity of Maryland and Northern Virginia to East New Jersey. James Bland shuffled back and forth between St. Mary's, Maryland and Stafford, Virginia between 1687-1701 (VU, pp. 198-204).

An interesting piece of information comes to light to further complicate this question. Edith Lanning sent me a "Frenchman's Petition" dated February 9, 1701/1702, signed in Stafford County, Virginia by, among others, "Guiliauma" (William) Bland (all other names entered in Latin). If this William Bland were the son of James Bland who died sometime between 1744 and 1746, his birthdate would presumably have to be pushed back to not later than 1680, suggesting that his father, if he is the same person who was born at St. Andrews Parish in 1661, would be married by 1679, possible but unusual for English lower and middle class individuals at the time. Alternately, the above signer of the Frenchman's Petition could be William Bland (C1663/1664-???), brother of the above noted James. There is also no burial notice in St. Andrews Penrith registers for William.

I do not profess that this settles the issue of James Bland's parentage, and I do not know exactly how to further pursue the questions that are yet unanswered. Any suggestions?

1. I do not have the xeroxed original of James Bland's will. If anyone does, it would be interesting to note whether he spelled his name Bland or Blann. Some of his descendants spelled the name Blann.

THE BLANDS OF VIRGINIA

Mary Lee Bland Ewell and Her Pappy

In my rendering of the story told by Mary Lee Bland Ewell (1817-1898, AC 2-2, pp. 24-26) I evidently toppled a much cherished icon. I am told, by whom I will never say, that large audiences have sat in hushed silence as this Victorian marmelade is spread about, and that at the story of the Perils of Mary Lee large tears have trickled down many a hardened face. Well, hush my mouth!

1789 Didn't bother me too much until last September when Nan Seeley passed me the toast at breakfast and told me in her soft, sweet Virginia voice that I had got some critical points wrong. You see, no matter what Mary Lee's father (I kind of liked old John) was as a sixtyish curmudgeon standing at the gates against Mormonism, in his earlier years there was evidence that John was an enlightened young man. John (C1765-1838) had just attained his majority in 1789, when the new nation was formed. One of the most dramatic and tragic facts of our early nationhood was our inextricable relationship with black slavery. It is a testament to John's youthful idealism that between 1787 and 1789, the number of slaves for which he was taxed shrank from 24 to 20, owing principally to John's emancipation of five slaves, four of them minors in 1789. This is shown in an emancipation paper dated March 13, 1789 in which Sally (age 27), John (11), Polly (9), Nancy (4) and Ailsey (two or thereabout) were emancipated. In the tax list, John still stood responsible for these minors, (although he guaranteed their freedom) thus it is evident that he had divested himself of other slaves, for which there is no documentation now available. Those who read a reduction of four as a minor gesture may fail to appreciate the difficulty of divestiture of this labor source within the context of contemporary Southern culture and society, and would perhaps ask too much of old John. After all, if he could not keep William Ewell away from his daughter, how would we expect him to solve the slavery issue.

The genealogical significance of the emancipation paper, however is that it points up the presence of a John Bland within Prince George County, and demands some analysis of his identity. A record of land taxes extracted from the Virginia State Library by Nan Bland Seeley shows one John Bland or more paying taxes on some 634 acres up to 1793 or 1794, when the acreage shrinks to 414, representing land purchased by a John Bland from Robert Bolling on June 3, 1788.

This land possession is significant in that the 220 acres that disappeared from tax lists after 1793 was owned by a John Bland. L.P. Bland argues cogently that what we are dealing with is within context of disposition of 1714 acres of land by Richard Bland (1710-1776) (see discussion of a platt map distribution AC 2-2, pp. 24-25), including 150 acres donated to his son John (b. 1739-) in a will that has eluded discovery by many avid searchers. John also subsequently purchased 70 acres from his brother Peter, thus 220 acres.

The disappearance of the 220 acres occurred more or less concurrently with the elder John Bland's death about December 11, 1794 (per British Parish register, Prince George County, Virginia), thus assigning the elder John Bland (assumed son of Richard Bland 1710-1776) parameter dates of 1739-1794 (discussion of Richard Bland's family occurs in VU, pp. 161-166). The 414 remaining acres would represent property of John Bland the younger, (1765-1838) father of Mary.

There is no conclusive evidence of who this John Bland's (1739-1794) wife was, in spite of William Thomas Ewell's claim that her name was Rachel Reed. L.P. Bland tells me that I may have been too quick in my assertion that Ewell mistook the earlier John Bland for John Bolling Bland (1798-1863) who married a Rachel Reed, since there might well have been an earlier Rachel Reed for whom the younger one was named. Perhaps.

L.P. and Nan also have corrected me in placing the John Bland (the younger) and Sarah Lee family in Cumberland County, Kentucky rather than Virginia as I had it. The William Thomas Ewell family group sheet shows their first seven children born in Virginia but Mary, born in Cumberland, Kentucky in 1817, indicating that the family moved sometime between 1815-1817. This is substantiated by an 1820 census of Cumberland, Kentucky that shows Purmit Lee Sr. and Jr. living in close proximity to John Bland (one of whose children was named Purmit). Also, John's son Zachariah, in 1855, consummated a land transaction in Gloucester County, Virginia with a man from Cumberland, Kentucky. Upon rereading the testament of Mary Bland Ewell, I see that there is nothing that contradicts the story unfolding in Kentucky rather than Virginia. My mistake. I also apologize to the descendants of William Thomas Ewell for my statement that he "sometimes was kind of loose with his information." Although I am not fully persuaded by his linking this Kentucky family to Richard Bland of Jordans (1710-1776), I regret any unwarranted suggestion implied in the statement.

I am pleased to include on this page a photograph of Linnius Payne Bland, son of Zachariah Bland and father of my correspondent Linneous Preston Bland (1901-).



Linnius Payne Bland
Courtesy Linneous Preston Bland

The Blands of Pendleton County, Virginia

Edith Lanning has submitted some errata to the essay on this family that appeared in the last number (AC 2-2, pp. 14-23):

Page 16 - Mary Dolly or Dolley, second wife of Henry Bland (1770-1853). Her name derives from German, Dahle.

Page 16 - According to information shared by Jeanette Bland Bickley of Richardson, Texas, "Chise" in paragraph 3G is Melchizza, born January 22, 1833, died in Oklahoma.

Page 17 - Paragraph 5B, Austin Bland did not marry Norah Judy, so Edith sez.

Page 18 - Paragraph 8 & 9. Isabel (not Sabel) was married (not born) in 1822. Both she and Adam were definitely children of Margaret Weirich.

The Blands of Monroe County, Virginia

In the last number I suggested the possibility of a link with a family of Blands in Greenbrier/Monroe County, West Virginia with the family in Pendleton County, both derivative of Loudon, Virginia, suggesting in turn that they were part of a stem family deriving from Robert Bland who died in Loudon County in 1760. Adam Bland of Pendleton County (AC 2-2, page 18 and above) has been associated with an Adam Bland in the 1850 Monroe County Census, but without definite proof. Information from the 1850 census shows the following twelve families in Monroe County:

1. Adam Bland, (see AC 2-2, p. 18).
2. Alexander Bland 68, a laborer, living with Ida 28.
3. Benjamin M. Bland 23, living with Jane 20, and Candy 1.
4. Elizabeth Bland "Can't read or write" living with a family of Smiths.
5. George W. Bland 40, born in Virginia, a carpenter, living with Polly 33, Mary J. 9, Madison 7, Ellen 4, Polly Campbell 74, and Jackson Bland 33, a laborer from Virginia.
6. Jonathan 30, living with Sarah 30, a daughter of Dr. George Steele. Their children are Phoebe 14, Sidney 2, Polina 2.
7. Joseph 48, a farmer born in Virginia, living with Margaret 38, also a daughter of George Steele. (Edith Lanning suggests a connection between Henry James Bland (AC 2-2, p. 19) who was a Methodist Minister like his half brother Adam, and who married Annot Steele and moved to California, with the Blands of Monroe County. The children of Joseph Bland and Margaret Steele were: Eliza 17, Phebe 14, Thomas 12, Augustus 10, Matthew 6, and Isabel 4.
8. Martha J. Bland, age 10, was living with a family of Croziers.
9. Moses Bland 38, a farmer born in Virginia was living with Rebecca, still another daughter of George Steele, 30. Their children were Alexander 14, Sally 12, Jane 10, Margaret 6, Ida 3, and William, 1.
10. Reuben Bland 35, a laborer born in Virginia, living with Milly 37. Their children were James 13, Frances 7, Mary 5, Richard 3, and Caroline, 1.
11. Robert, age 65 (possibly the Robert, 1785-1857, mentioned in AC 2-2, p. 14) a carpenter from Virginia, married to Sarah Coffee 50, with possibly a grandson or nephew Benjamin F. 6, who was listed as deaf and dumb.
12. Uriah 2. Bland 38, a laborer from Virginia, living with Nancy 39. Their children were Elizabeth 14, Madison 11, Robert 9, Jonathan 6, Benjamin 6, and George 3.

The Family of Joseph Bland of Prince William County, Virginia

This family has been previously discussed (VU, pp. 396-397, AC 2-1, p. 9 and AC 2-2, pp. 37-38). During the past six months there has been considerable interest in the family, including correspondence from Margie Garey of Takoma Park, Maryland; Ruth Hill of New Martinsville, West Virginia; Phyllis Michael of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and Mary Jane Sine of Louisville, Kentucky. Information sent to me, though not primary, seems to be in agreement on a need for revision:

First, general consensus on the founder of the family seems to be with Joseph Bland and his wife, Susan Bailey Johnson. Information submitted to me indicates that Joseph was born about 1752 or 1763 and that he married a second time to Eleanor Benton in 1802.

Joseph's parentage is problematical. I have previously recorded the anecdotal information that his father was Richard, but the family group sheets submitted by Margie Garey and Phyllis Michaels show his father to be John Bland and his mother "probably Clara Yates." Again, reasons for acceptance of this information are unclear and need to be tested when stronger evidence becomes available. To date I have seen no evidence of descendants through Joseph's marriage to Eleanor Benton. By his marriage to Susan Bailey Johnson, Joseph appears to have had three daughters: Catherine, who married Sylvester Frum; Elizabeth, who married Peter Tenent and Eleanor, who married Vincent Glover. Joseph had three sons:

1. Richard Bland, born April 25, 1789 and married to Mary Jobes in 1812, secondly to Sarah Williams or Harper, January 27, 1858 or 1859. Family group sheets recently received show Richard's death as July 4, 1876, rather than 1883 as I had it previously.
 2. Thomas Bland (1790-1874). Mary Jane Sine submitted specific information that her ancestor, John Ralley Sine or Syne (1810-1895) married Delilah Bland (1817-1887), daughter of Thomas Bland and his wife Elizabeth. Delilah is buried at Oak Forest, Pennsylvania.
 3. David Bland (July 25, 1792 to December 25, 1874). David, as were Richard and Thomas, is said to have been born at Winchester in Frederick County, Virginia and he was buried in Wetzel, West Virginia. The three brothers are clustered in the adjacent three county area of Wetzel and Monongalia, West Virginia and Green County, Pennsylvania. There is some confusion in the number of children David and Elizabeth had, owing to uncertainty of his wife's dates. David married Elizabeth Bailey and information available, evidently from a bible or tombstone, indicates her dates are 1784-1857. She is represented as bearing 9-11 children from about 1818 to 1855. Some of this is surely a biological impossibility. I will list the children as they appear on group sheets, with the caveat that if Elizabeth were born in 1784, her child bearing years would likely cease about 1830. Children listed with a later birth date may be grandchildren or other relations.
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- (a) George W. Bland (April 7, 1818 to June 10, 1869) married Matilda Cook.
 - (b) Joseph Bland (1825-???) married Rebecca Dulaney, lived in Richland County, Ohio.
 - (c) Samuel Bland (1826 to August 12, 1873) born and died at Wetzel, West Virginia (then Tyler, Virginia). About 1845, Samuel married Mary Dulaney and had by her the following children:

- (1) Hannah Bland (C1846-1915) married John Asher or Ashbee January 4, 1864.
- (2) Elizabeth Bland (C1847-1899) married Thomas Adams.
- (3) John Bland (C1850-???)
- (4) Oliver L. Bland (April 16, 1851 to June 30, 1911, see photograph of Oliver below). Oliver lived and died in Wetzel, West Virginia, and he married Amanda Archer (1852-1926) about 1871 and had by her a family of 14 or 15 children:
 - (a) Mary Catherine Bland (July 5, 1860 to July 10, 1889)*
 - (b) Arminta Bell Bland (January 22, 1872 to August 7, 1918) married Josephus Fair.
 - (c) Carolina Edna Bland (August 5, 1874 to February 27, 1956) married Benjamin Bartring on June 8, 1898.
 - (d) Lydia Bland (C1876-???) married Sylvester Myers.
 - (e) Nora Leena Bland (September 19, 1877 to May 9, 1943) married Curtis John Poulton on December 5, 1894.
 - (f) Elizabeth Bland (November 9, 1879 to April 14, 1905) married Joseph Carpenter.
 - (g) Jerry Osborne Bland (March 9, 1880 to ???)
 - (h) John Bland (June 9, 1882 to February 4, 1934) married Elizabeth Rikkenbaugh on January 1, 1903).
 - (i) Franklin Bland (January 30, 1884 to December 3, 1972) married Alma Mulinex.
 - (j) Sena Bland (June 5, 1885 to December 3, 1950) married Anthony Day.



Oliver L. Bland
Courtesy Margie Garey

*Children of this marriage are problematical, since one of them, Mary Catherine, is shown to have been born in 1860, without any explanation of how 8 year old Amanda and 9 year old Oliver could accomplish such a feat. Mary Catherine may have been Oliver's sister.

- (k) Lockwood Bland (July 13, 1885? to 1922) married Loraline Yager.
 - (l) Flora Edna Bland (1889-died in infancy).
 - (m) Gratta Bland (February 2, 1890 to ???) married Hollen Raymond on April 16, 1913.
 - (n) Eva Bland (January 28, 1892 to October 21, 1966) married Edward Johnston on April 8, 1911.
 - (o) Verna Virginia Bland (March 12, 1894 to ???) married Harry Lawrence.
- (5) Rebecca Bland (September 20, 1854 to April 16, 1933) married Edward McIntire Larimore in 1870 and they had a family of nine children whose lives extended into the 20th century.
- (6) Joseph A. Bland (March 6, 1856 to 1923) married Mary Arn.
- (7) Harriet Bland (c1858-1935) married Wade Cross.

Samuel Bland (1826-1873) was the third child of David Bland and Elizabeth Church. David and Elizabeth's remaining children were:

- (d) Hannah Bland (July 15, 1827 to ???) married John Cross.
- (e) John, no dates, married probably Rebecca Core
- (f) Susie, no dates.
- (g) Martha (1837-???), no further information.
- (h) William Bland (1839-1913), no further information.
- (i) Henry H. Bland (April 15, 1841 to May 6, 1907). Henry died in Howard, Oklahoma but was buried at Grantsville, West Virginia. He married Perie Ann Renner (1850-1915) on December 31, 1865. Henry enlisted in Company K, 1st Virginia regiment, CSA, October 14, 1861 and was discharged November 28, 1864. He was described as 5' 10", black eyes, dark hair, dark complexion. Henry H. Bland and Perie Anne Renner had a family of eight children including Martha Jane (1866-); Susie (1868-); Mary Elizabeth (1869-); Harvey (1872-); Clara B. (1873-); Andrew Jackson (1876-); Virginia Bell (1877-); and Rachel (1887-).

THE BLANDS OF NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Marriages

Following is a list of marriages by county and date, submitted to me by Darlene Cole, for which no information appears in VU or AC to date:

A. Chowan County, formed in 1670 from Albemarle:

1. Theodorick J. Bland to Georgina Lamb, October 8, 1829.
2. Theodorick J. Bland to Julia A. Miskell, May 15, 1850.
3. Francis M. Edwards to Frances L. Bland, December 21, 1853.
4. Jesse W. Rogerson to Martha Bland, August 13, 1860.
5. Joshua Fletcher to Maggie G. Bland, March 24, 1864.

B. Craven County, formed in 1712 from Bath:

1. Adam Gaskins to Elizabeth Bland, December 24, 1798.
2. Moses Caton to Charity Bland, May 18, 1803.
3. John Bland to Sally Scott, July 13, 1803.
4. John Scott to Patsy Bland, November 7, 1806.

B. Craven County (cont'd)

5. Jesse Gaskins to Catherine Bland, August 15, 1811.
6. William Bland to Mary Lane, July 20, 1813.
7. Allen Bland to Penelope Squires, January 3, 1816.
8. Joseph Smith to Sarah Bland, May 23, 1837.
9. James Brinson to Barbara Bland, February 2, 1839.
10. Thomas Smith to Sarah Bland, May 14, 1840.
11. John Bland to Sidney Wharton, December 28, 1841.
12. John L. Bland to Sidney H. Jewell, August 31, 1846.
13. Arrington K. Tindall to Mary Bland, March 9, 1847.
14. Riley Gaskins to Sarah Bland, January 4, 1849.
15. Solomon C. Ives to Elizabeth H. Bland, July 14, 1853.
16. Spencer Wise to Hannah Bland, March 31, 1856.
17. Stephen Bland to Nancy Johnson, July 17, 1856.

C. New Hanover County, formed in 1729 from Craven

1. Robert A. Henry to Ann J. Bland, November 10, 1818.
2. John Mathis to Mary Bland, September 23, 1851.*
3. David J. Newton to Martha Ann Bland, March 15, 1854.
4. Thomas Vann to Levina Bland, January 19, 1866.*

D. Onslow County, preceded Bath in 1734

Jarvis M. Jones to Mary S. Bland, November 25, 1865.

E. Edgecombe County, formed in 1741 from Bertie

1. John Murray to Tempey Bland, May 9, 1810.
2. William Bland to Abby Evans, December 24, 1862.

F. Duplin County, formed in 1750 from New Hanover

1. Joseph Page to Elizabeth Bland, January 25, 1797.
2. George Bland to Harriet Herring, July 15, 1867.

G. Halifax County, formed in 1758 from Edgecombe

Theophilus Bland to Mary A. Joyner, August 19, 1845

H. Brunswick County, formed in 1764 from New Hanover and Bladen

George Bland to Martha Somerset, September 2, 1867.

I. Chatham County, formed in 1770 from Orange

1. Woodward H. Ellington to Gracey Bland, November 28, 1833.
2. Samuel M. Holt to Lugenia Bland, January 20, 1864.

*These marriages are noted by Bob Bland in "The Bland and Williams Line" (1983)

J. Guilford County, formed in 1770 from Rowan and Orange

1. Thomas Ozment to Polly Bland, December 17, 1817
2. Arthur Bland to Betsey Waddle, September 9, 1818**
3. Charles Bland to Catherine Shelley, August 26, 1823.
4. Robert Armfield to Peggy Bland, May 12, 1824.
5. Denny Griffin to Polly Bland, November 10, 1825.
6. Robert Armfield to Thankful Bland, September 27, 1827.
7. Peter Rich to Angelina Bland, June 30, 1847.
8. Robert Baxter to Sarah A. Bland, March 4, 1848.
9. Samuel S. Willis to Louisa Bland, September 12, 1848
10. Himelious C. Irwin to Emily C. Bland, December 7, 1850.
11. James M. Bland to Margaret H. Gott, August 23, 1852.
12. Abram L. Clark to Jane Bland, November 2, 1858.

K. Caswell County, formed in 1777 from Orange

Richard Bland to Elizabeth Dickins, September 22, 1790*

L. Gates County, formed in 1779 from Chowan, Hertford and Perquimans

1. Vernon E. Bland to Pochahontus Jones, June 5, 1862.
2. Joseph B. Bland to Elizabeth Fairless, February 2, 1867.
3. Joseph Benjamin Bland to Missouri Elizabeth Porch, No date.

M. Franklin County, formed in 1779 from Bute

William T. Bland to H.E. Blanks, December 13, 1866.

N. Rutherford County, formed 1779 from Burke and Tryon

T.F. Bland to A.D. Scronce, December 28, 1865.

O. Unknown County

Gabriel Bland to Elizabeth McAdams, August 18, 1757.

James Buchanan "Buck" Bland and James Bland, Clues to Neglected Lines

In his will of 1766, James Bland of Duplin County, North Carolina (1704-1774, VU P. 280-281) mentioned a son James Buchanan Bland whom I estimated to have been born about 1727 and was last mentioned in a land transaction in 1771, thereafter vanishing from sight. Among some material sent me by Edith Lanning was an excerpt from Nancy Chappalear Baird, Fauquier County Tombstone Inscriptions (1970), in which a woman named Minnie Grant Bolden noted an unmarked grave at the Grant Cemetery, Bunker Hill, The Plains Virginia, for "Buck" Bland. Buck was implanted amongst Lamberts, Strothers, and Grants. Across the road from these fine folk, rested some unmarked graves for a Muse family. No approximate dates are offered. The Muse connection caught my eye, because of a letter from Inez Turner, indicating a North Carolina Bland-Muse Connection. Mrs. Turner's

*Vera Bland sent me a piece from THE DICKINS FAMILY BIBLE which indicated that Richard and Elizabeth moved back to Nottoway, Virginia and had a son Peter born there. Peter was a Presbyterian minister who moved to Tennessee in 1828 and continued to minister unto the sinful and the chaste alike until he died in Haygood County in 1859.

**cf Discussion p. 41.

request for information is listed in the Missing Links section, page 41.

In his research upon the Blands' of New Hanover-Duplin, North Carolina, Milton Wilson indicated that William Bland (1771-1854) and Mary Parker, (VU pp. 294-295) had a son James Bland (1798-1862) who married Mary C. Powell.

Bob Bland, in his pamphlet, "Bland and Williams Lines" (1983) noted a will, proved August 23, 1838 by Brittain Powell who refers to his daughter Mary C. Bland. Brittain's wife, Mary Powell, in her will of March 6, 1847, refers to a son-in-law James and a grandson Isaac. By process of elimination, Bob is able to suggest anyway, that the James mentioned therein may be James (1798-1862), son of William (1771-1854) of Duplin County, North Carolina. It is possible that this James Bland and Mary Powell would have two sons, Isaac (C1830-) and George Washington Bland (C1845-1895). (cf Discussion p. 41)

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The Family of Joseph Bland (C1754-1800) of Duplin County

Joseph has been previously linked backward to William Bland (1726-1775) of Duplin County, North Carolina and forward to service in the Revolution, in the Wilmington district (AC 1-1, p. 3) and Roster of Soldiers from North Carolina in the American Revolution, (DAR Gen. 929D) which associates him with James and John Bland, both sons of William Bland, further strengthening the evidence for a parent-child link between William and Joseph. Joseph also was associated with two children, Mary and Joseph Henry Bland, (AC 2-1, p. 6). The 1790 Census showed Joseph living in Fayetteville Town, North Carolina with a wife and two small children. Apparently, by 1800, when a guardian was appointed for "Henry and Polly" Bland, the elder Joseph and his wife were dead.

Angelia B. Alford of Maben, Mississippi is a descendant of Joseph and has forwarded to me a rich lode of material, which develops a substantial line of descent from Joseph's son, Joseph Henry Bland (1785-1862). We are very grateful to Angelia for sharing this work. There are now well-developed lines for four of the six sons of William Bland (1726-1775, the remaining two are Charles and Thomas).

Joseph Henry Bland was born October 16, 1785 in Duplin County, North Carolina and he died in 1862 in Perry County, Alabama (one should note that Perry County is adjacent to Dallas County, settlement for another branch of the Bland family, cf. pp. 33-36). On February 17, 1810 in Wake County, North Carolina,* Joseph Henry married Mary Ann Rea May of Raleigh, North Carolina, who was born January 5, 1793 and died about 1850 at Perry, Alabama. Mary Ann was the daughter of William J. May of Raleigh.

Joseph Henry Bland and Mary Ann Rea May had a family of ten children, including:

1. William Calvin Bland (September 8, 1811 in Raleigh, North Carolina and died in 1851 at Toccopola Bland Township, Mississippi). William left home at age 21 and attended Transylvania Medical College in Lexington, Kentucky. He settled in Lafayette County, Mississippi, and married Mary Elizabeth Meadow (C1820-1879),

*This information was received from Darlene Cole, part of a print-out of North Carolina Marriages from a company called "Hunting for Bears," (see above, pp. 14-15).

about 1844. At the time of her marriage, Mary E. Meadow had six negro slaves: Keziah (age 25), Peter (15), Margaret (12), Francis (6), James (3) and May (about 6 months). Mrs. Alford's information indicates that William Calvin and Mary had a family of two children, including John Henry Bland* and:

A. James Reuben Bland (September 9, 1849 to November 4, 1908) who married Adeline Rebecca Mackey about 1873. James Reuben and Adeline had a family of ten children, including:

- (1) William Calvin Bland II, (December 18, 1874 - June 2, 1932) who married Minnie Hartsfield, March 14, 1908.
- (2) Edna Allen Bland (September 4, 1877 - March 8, 1957) who married George W. Anderson, January 13, 1895. George died at Hominy, Oklahoma.
- (3) Robert Collier Bland (October 11, 1879 - October 1967) married Etta Gilmer. Etta is buried at Toccopola (Bland) Mississippi.
- (4) Virginia Luella Bland (October 3, 1881 - July 2, 1967) married Lon Tallant. Lon is buried at Toccopola, Mississippi.
- (5) Eugenia Eudella Bland (October 3, 1881 - May 7, 1932) married Arch Tallant, June 6, 1899.
- (6) Maggie Ola Bland (August 31, 1884 - March 11, 1959) married Joe Anderson, December 11, 1900. Joe is buried at Toccopola, Mississippi.
- (7) Sallie Catherine "Cate" Bland (May 21, 1887 - March 6, 1965) married Wade Hampton Johnston. Sallie and Wade are buried at Coffeerville, Mississippi.
- (8) Lois Ethel Bland (August 1890 - June 23, 1909) married William Harrison.
- (9) Lucius Curtis Bland (May 14, 1893 - ~~1922~~) married Florence Harrison October 4, 1916.
- (10) "Lonnie" Frank Bland (June 21, 1896 - July 4, 1927) married Gertrude Harrison, November 21, 1915.

2. Joseph Henry Bland born C1813 in North Carolina.

3. Catherine Rea Bland was born in North Carolina in 1815 or 1816 and died in Webster County, Mississippi after 1880. She never married.

4. Robert Galbert Bland was born in North Carolina in 1817 and he died in 1862, in Perry County, Alabama on November 13, 1847. Robert married Frances Morgan Wilkinson (1824-1902) who was born in the Greenville District of South Carolina. The children of Robert Galbert Bland and Frances Wilkinson were:

A. Joseph H. Bland (October 29, 1847 or 1848 - January 7, 1941), who married Pinkey Miller (1862-1890), February 7, 1818. Their children were (1) Pearl (1888-1976) who married a Pate; (2) Minnie, who married a Verdell; and (3) Lou, who married a Love.

B. John Wilkinson Bland (June 9, 1850 - August 23, 1912) who married Mary C. about 1872. John W. Bland and Mary C. had a family of four children, including:

*John Henry Bland is consistently identified in Mrs. Alford's notes as having been born July 4, 1844. I thought the date may have been transposed from 1846 or that John Henry was perhaps a child of Mary Meadow's from a second marriage to a man named Keel.

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- (1) Wesley C. Bland (September 22, 1872 - January 13, 1915).
 - (2) Samuel Bland (April 21, 1875 - January 4, 1957).
 - (3) Francis or Frances*(January 14, 1877 - January 18, 1942).
 - (4) Charles (August 26, 1879 - January 15, 1949).

C. William T. Bland (January 15, 1852 - August 28, 1892) married Mary Elizabeth Gibson (1856-1940) in Mississippi about 1873. Their children were:

- (1) Thomas F. Bland (August 6, 1874 - November 4, 1954) who married Ura White on January 29, 1895.
- (2) William S. "Bud" Bland (April 26, 1876 - October 31, 1952) who married Necie Stallings in 1894.
- (3) James R. "Gee" Bland (July 26, 1879 - March 28, 1966) who married Beulah Vails.
- (4) John T. Bland (June 12, 1881, still living September 1984) who married Beulah White.
- (5) Tilman Morgan "Dock" Bland (May 28, 1883 - September 25, 1942) who married Lillie Carlisle. Tilman and Lillie had two children, including Tilman Morgan Jr., who married Marvis Earnest. They had a family of five children including my correspondent Angelia Bland who married Howard Alford.
- (6) Silas C. "Neal" Bland (December 9, 1885 - October 23, 1974) who married Catherine Wade.
- (7) D.M. "Marvin" (May 2, 1887 - September 4, 1976) who married Letha Moore and secondly Alma McMullin.
- (8) Charles H. "Charlie" Bland (November 24, 1890 - May 11, 1974) who married first Ollie White.
- (9) Maudie Armina (March 30, 1892 - January 24, 1948) who married first Wayne Duckworth and second Lon Smith.
- (10) Lela Mae Bland (December 23, 1888 - ???).

D. Robert G. Bland Jr. (March 8, 1855 - June 19, 1902). Robert married Sara Driver (1862-1900) in Mississippi in 1880. Their children were:

- (1) Galbert Robert (August 28, 1881 - August 28, 1951)
- (2) Lenora (July 26, 1883 - April 22, 1963)
- (3) William Morgan (June 26, 1885 - November 6, 1945)
- (4) Jessie T. (July 20 to September 29, 1887)
- (5) John (1889-1891)
- (6) L.A. (1891-1901)

E. Charles Morgan Bland (April 5, 1858 to 1929) married Mary Yeates December 13, 1879 and had these children: (1) Mary (1882) and (2) Annie Morgan (1883).

F. Mary C. Bland (August 15, 1859 to 1919) married a Sparks.

*See the subsequent discussion about the lineage of Stephen Boyd Bland (1960-1983), p. 3, 19-20, below.

5. James O.K. Bland, born 1819 or 1823 and died about 1867 in Webster County, Mississippi. He married Elizabeth E. Smith on September 12, 1852. Their children were:

(A) Annie E. Bland (C1858); (B) Mary J. Bland (C1859); (C) James Bland (C1860); (D) Allen J. Bland (C1863). Allen married Mary E. Langston in 1883; (E) Rutherford (C1866); and (F) Joseph R. (C1867).

6. Charles W. Bland, born C1821 in North Carolina and died after 1870 in Webster County, Mississippi.

7. MaryAnn or Mary E., born 1823 or 1824 in North Carolina, died before 1880 in Webster County, Mississippi.

8. Frances Bland, born C1828 in North Carolina.

9. Thomas W. Bland, born C1830 in North Carolina, died in Webster County, Mississippi before 1880.

10. Allen P. Bland, born December 1, 1831, died February 1, 1920. Allen married Mary A. Futtrell in Perry County, Alabama, April 21, 1857 and secondly Martha Ferguson, about 1869 or 1870. Allen appears to have had the following children by his two wives. It would be assumed that those born after 1870 were the children of Martha Ferguson:

(A) Abe (now what self-respecting Southerner would name a kid "Abe" along about 1861. Maybe Allen was a cotton mouth); (B) Alice, married _____ Jordan; (C) Della, died young; (D) Roxie, married Jim Crowley in 1882*; (E) E. Rena, married Carroll Dalton; (F) Joseph, C1870; (G) Martha, C1872; (H) Mary C., 1874; (I) Isabell C., 1876; married a Snyder; (J) Cora, C1878, married a McMahon; (K) Thomas, June 8, 1887 to February 21, 1956, married Pearl Cliett. They lived near Cumberland, Mississippi, and are buried at the Providence Cemetery near Maben.

As noted above, Angelia Alford indicated in a letter to me on September 23, 1984 that she might have a connection between Stephen Boyd Bland (1960-1983) and this family. In the last issue, (AC 2-2, p. 2) based on information passed to Lenore Bland Brown by Rosa Watkins Bland, Stephen's mother, I indicated that Stephen's father, Johnny James Bland (1918-1975), was the son of Frank Martin Bland and Maude Frances Crowley and the grandson of John and Elizabeth Bland of Pheba, Mississippi. Angelia reasons that Stephen's grandfather was Francis Bland, (1877-1942) son of John W. Bland (1850-1912) and his wife Mary C. (not Elizabeth). Angelia wrote, "Johnny's father was Francis but called Frank and Frank is what is on his tombstone." The name, however, is written both Francis and Frances in Mrs. Alford's pamphlet and in one place the child is noted as a daughter of John W. Bland. Nowhere is the child specifically identified as a son. Of course, census takers can be wrong, but Mrs. Alford did not indicate whether Frank's tombstone, which apparently she has seen, identifies him as a son of John W. and Mary C. Bland. Angelia does note that Roxie Bland, daughter of Allen J. Bland, was the second wife of Jim Crowley and the marriage date of 1882 to Jim Crowley makes it reasonable that Maude Frances Crowley could be the daughter of Jim Crowley and Roxie Bland. This creates a semblance of inter-family relationships. If Mrs. Alford's assumptions are correct, Stephen

*Roxie was Jim Crowley's second wife

Boyd Bland would ultimately trace his lineage to James Bland (C1655-1708) through James' son William (C1682-1744) and his son James (C1704-1774), through the Duplin County, North Carolina family.

Otis Daniel Bland

In the first issue of "Among Cousins" (1-1, pp. 4-5) I discussed the descendants of James O.D. Bland (1824-1907) one of the sons of William Bland (1787-???) and Elizabeth McBain of Chatham County, North Carolina. One of James O.D.'s sons was Daniel Ervin Bland (1866-1949), father of Otis Daniel Bland (February 18, 1891 - September 2, 1955) who married Pearl Edith Lyne (1889-1976) on July 13, 1911. Otis Daniel and Pearl Edith were parents of my correspondent Leota Esther Bland Swaim Ruder, who sent me their wedding picture. It is displayed below:



Otis Daniel Bland and Pearl Edith Lyne
Courtesy Leota Ruder

Thomas A. Bland (1830-1908)

On June 13, 1984, I received a letter from Al and Mildred Hunter tracing Thomas Bland (1789-1862) and his son Thomas A. Bland (1830-1908) (AC 2-1, pp. 7-8) to Coles County, Illinois. The elder Thomas remarried to Dorcas Combs May 9, 1852 and Thomas A. Bland married Mary Davis, April 18, 1852. There also was a marriage by William Bland to Nancy Boswell, August 18, 1855. This gets me to wondering whether William was the brother of the elder Thomas, the one who by family tradition, left his first wife Elizabeth McBain with James O.D. Bland in Greene County, Indiana and ran away for a younger woman. Aha you old letcher, we found you! Thanks Al. There were also marriages noted between Samuel J. Bland and Mary S. Simmons, January 1, 1860 and Seth T. Bland and Mary E. Combs on December 5, 1860. Al and Mildred also extracted about four pages of land transactions concerning Blands from Coles, Illinois and Greene, Indiana which may help in piecing together further information about the families discussed in VU, pp. 335-342 and 441-455. I will attempt to do some work with this information for the next issue.

William Rufus King Bland (1852-1903)

Graham Bland did some research for me to clarify the question of the two wives of William Rufus King Bland. William's first wife was Mary Catherine Young (1848-1893) by whom he had six children. Secondly, William married Mary E. Savage (C1874-???) on October 13, 1894, in Pender County, North Carolina. References to William Rufus King Bland occur in VU, pp. 315-316 and AC 2-1, p. 5).

The Blands of Randolph County, North Carolina, a Reassessment

During the past year I have received correspondence from Edith Lanning, Esther Jenkins, Terese Bland Beuker, Elva Reitz, Max Kessinger, Vera Bland, Kay Monroe, Robert Wheeler, Mary Jane Sine and especially a long letter from Jane Midtby, which sheds new light on this family. After a period of benign neglect, I am submitting the following reassessment:

The story of this family begins with Moses Bland, (C1718-1800) first child born to William Bland (C1682-1744) and his second wife Catherine Key (VU, pp. 267-275, 342-344). Moses married Jane Wiggonton from Virginia in 1750. Traces of Moses and his family appear in Randolph County, North Carolina, from its inception in 1779, but it may be useful to note that Randolph evolved in part from Rowan, itself divided from Anson County in 1753. Whether Moses moved around or simply remained in the same spot is not exactly clear, but three transactions from Anson County from 1772-1775 show that Moses and his son William were there as early as 1772.*

Moses' family is encapsulated in his will, made out in December 1799 and probated May 1800 (AC 1-1, attach. 13). His wife Jane survived him, appearing in the 1800 census but not thereafter. The massive exodus of members of his family after his death leads me to suspect that his death must have occurred under particularly tragic circumstances.

*Terese Bland Beuker turned up these traces of Moses and William Bland while searching for a Bland-Talton connection for her Talton Bland, in Anson County. So far there is no satisfactory link, excepting Talton's name.

Moses named six daughters in his will, including Sally, Fanny and Winny about whom nothing further is known. Information available from several sources indicates that Margaret ("Peggy") married William Needham on October 25, 1786. Catherine ("Caty") married William Lawrence. Catherine's dates are usually given as 1764 or 1774 to 1816. No marriage date is given. Nancy Bland married John Needham Jr. in Tipton County, Indiana. This information comes from family group sheets and since at least one of Moses' sons (William) was old enough to be the father of Catherine and Nancy, it is not certain whether they are actually his or Moses' daughters.

Moses had, I believe, four sons, including the eldest William, (C1751-died after 1801); Benjamin, Thomas and Moses.

Thomas Bland: His dates are uncertain but he was of majority age when he witnessed Moses' will in 1800. There is a marginal note in some genealogical research done for Elva Reitz which shows that there was a Thomas Bland who was insolvent in 1801. The same researcher indicates that very likely William Bland (C1751-after 1801) was in the process of divesting himself of his property in 1801 when he deeded land to John Needham and Benjamin Bland. Thus, without property, his wife probably already dead, William probably died without a will. I believe the same is true of Thomas, who may have been one of the older sons of Moses Bland.

Benjamin and Moses Bland: The younger sons of Moses Bland and the older sons of William seem to have pulled up stakes and left Randolph County about 1799-1800. Among these is Benjamin Bland, who was born sometime between 1755 and 1774, and appeared in Jackson-Jennings County, Indiana by 1820. A death certificate for 95 year old Ruth Waggoner of Moultrie, Illinois in 1912 indicates that she was the daughter of Benjamin Bland, born in Indiana and Ruth Bland, born in Maryland. Jane Midtby believes Ruth's father was the son of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton (AC 2-1, p. 9). Similarly, I believe the way to resolve the tangle of the so-called Kessinger Line and the Mumford Line of two Moses' (VU pp. 349-352) is in positioning Moses of North Carolina and Arkansas (1781-1849) as the youngest son of the elder Moses. His obituary states that he came to Pulaski County (then part of Arkansas territory) about 1799-1800, which is the same period of time in which others in the family started their exodus from Randolph, North Carolina. There is evidence (VU pp. 350-352) that links this Moses to the Randolph, North Carolina family. This is said with the tongue in cheek caveat that unless Jane Wiggonton was substantially younger than Moses (she could reasonably have been born about 1732-1735, still marry in 1750 and be young enough to bear a child in 1781), she would be kind of long in the tooth for child bearing by 1781. Also, there is good reason, to be discussed below, to assign Moses Bland who married Peggy Bland and Nancy Boaz (VU pp. 347-350) as a son of William Bland, although that would make him older than his uncle Moses.

William Bland: In 1902, Moses Bland, descended from Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz, wrote a long letter to his nephew in which he stated that the elder William Bland (C1751-after 1801) married a woman from Virginia named Ward (Ac 2-1, p. 11). This is substantiated by an entry in Anson County, North Carolina, July 15, 1772, showing that Thomas Ward and his wife deeded a parcel of land to William Bland, who lived in Anson County near Moses. We owe a debt of thanks to Terese Beuker for this new information.

This would indicate that William married _____ Ward about 1772. In 1790, William was enumerated in Randolph, North Carolina with his wife, three daughters and two males (Moses and James) over 16 and two males (Abel and William) under 16. By 1800, William's household consisted of himself, his wife, one male, Abel, age 10-16 and two males under 10 (John and Thomas). There were also two minor females. Names of William's daughters remain unknown but amid all the Bland brothers who moved to Clark County, Indiana, there was a Margaretta Bland, who married Walter Moving, February 24, 1817. Of particular interest to Bland researchers have been the six sons of William Bland:

1. James Bland (C1773-1832): Although there was already substantial evidence of the marriage between James Bland and Jane Johnston, research undertaken by Elva Reitz, which concentrates on the disposition of property by Jane's parents, proves the husband-wife relationship. Mary Jane Sine has turned up a record in Henry County, Kentucky of William Needham marrying Polly Bland (daughter of James) October 22, 1812 (VU, p. 352). Bondsman was John Bland. Jane Midtby forwarded information she received about Phoebe (1816-1857) daughter of James Bland and Jane Johnston, who married Dr. Daniel Chitwood in 1843. Family information is that Chitwood was the physician who attended James (1773-1832) in his last illness. Jane received her information about Phoebe and Dr. Chitwood from Jack Allen Chitwood of Lexington, Indiana whose generosity is much appreciated.

Jane Midtby sent more detailed information about the family of James Calvin Bland, (1831-1896), grandson of James Bland and James Johnston, who married Sarah Burge (C1835-1895). The book, (VU pp. 356-357) shows this couple with eight children, but Jane Midtby indicates there were 11, including:

- A. Edgar Dayton Bland (1856-1942) who married Emma E. Van Tresse (1859-1944) about 1878. They had three daughters Myrtle (1879-1971); Gertrude (1882-1975); and Mae (1885-1975).
- B. Sarah Etta "Nettie" Bland (1860-1926) married Will Robertson and moved with him to Oklahoma but returned to Illinois after twelve years because they were wiped out in a tornado.
- C. Ada Bland (1866-1960) married John Samuel Smith of Bethany, Illinois.
- D. Josephine "Josie" Bland (1868-194?) who in 1892 married Benjamin Franklin Sporleder (1876-1938). A photo of this couple is displayed on p. 24. Jane received information of this family from June McCain of Shelbyville, Illinois whose generosity is appreciated.
- E. Lucile "Lucy" Bland (1875-1910) who in 1895 married George L. Shuck.

2. Moses Bland (C1775-After 1850): The second son of William Bland, it is probable, was Moses Bland, born about 1775, married Peggy Bland in 1800 and after her death married Nancy Boaz in 1807. An enumeration of a Jackson County, Indiana family in 1820 closely fits the description of this family. Max Kessinger has evidence to show that Moses died in Sullivan County, Indiana after 1850. Also, the migratory patterns closely match that of other children and grandchildren of William Bland (C1751-after 1801).



Benjamin Franklin Sporleder, Josephine Bland
and family
Courtesy June McCain

One of the descendants of this Moses Bland was Levi Edward Bland (1869-1955) son of William Bland and Leannah Burnett, that enchanting woman who troubled the memories of old Moses Bland (1848-1925). Levi Edward was the grandfather of Max Kessinger who has furnished me an excellent photograph of Levi and his wife, Ida Foudray (1873-1960) flanked by Max's parents, Esther Lee Bland and Cresse Ernest Kessinger (VU, p. 350). This photograph is displayed on page 24A.

3. William Bland (C1786-after 1828): Upon hearing from Kay Monroe that there was a Jane Bland who married William Wilkey and that Wilkey's will of 1818 was witnessed by William Bland, I assumed that the William in question was William the Elder. Since then, Jane Midtby has introduced me to an entire series of legal traces of William between 1807-1828, the latest being appointment as administrator for Joseph Needham's estate, a duty Jane reasons would not devolve to a man of some 77 years. What we are left with then is a younger William Bland who was born not later than 1786 and who was in Clark County,



Levi Edward Bland (1869-1955) and Ida M. Foudray (1873-1960) flanked by Cresse Ernest Kessinger and Esther Lee Bland, daughter of Levi and Ida. Courtesy Max Kessinger.

Indiana as late as 1828. At this time, nothing further is known of this William who, because of his association with others who were proven sons of William the Elder, must have been their brother.

4. Abel Bland (C1787-after 1853): It has already been possible to expand our knowledge about Abel and his family (VU, p. 347, AC 2-2, pp. 35-36). Thanks to Mary Jane Sine it is now possible to discern that after leaving North Carolina, Abel, like his brother Moses, tarried in Kentucky long enough to take a wife. Mrs. Sine produced a record of Abel's marriage to Ann James of Henry County, Kentucky on October 27, 1808. Abel and Ann's subsequent lives took them to Jackson County, Indiana and afterward to Ouachita County, Arkansas near the Texas border. There is an entry appointing Abel to power of attorney in Lafayette County, Arkansas as late as 1853.

5. John Bland (C1790-1830): John is reckoned as a younger son of William Bland the Elder because of the close proximity of his sons Osborne and Meredith to the children of James Bland and Jane Johnston, in Jennings County, Indiana in 1850. His wife is identified as Mary Bland (relation unknown) whom he married October 9, 1811 in Clark County, Indiana, who is represented by Jane Midtby as having lived C1793-1857 (VU pp. 357-359). Their eldest son Osborne (1812-1882) married Mary Ann Clarkson (1814-1882) in 1836 and had a family of seven. Osborne's eldest son (identified as Thomas (1839, VU, p. 358) was actually Thomas Jefferson Bland born January 17, 1840 in Jennings, Indiana, died December 14, 1918 who on July 11, 1861 married Melissa O. Cole, born July 20, 1840 and died October 16, 1912 in Jennings County. Thomas Jefferson served during July and August 1862 in Company B, 9th Indiana until he was discharged for a series of illnesses. Thomas Jefferson and Melissa were Methodists. They had a family of seven children, including: (A) Leonard Ellsworth Bland (1862-1939) who in 1893 married Clarinda Eberhart (1867-1936); (b) Charles G. Bland (1865) and (C) Anna Bland (1867) both died young; (D) John Franklin Bland (1870-1944) who married Maud Tucker (1870-1944) in 1895; (E) James Omer Bland (1873-1947) who married, May 7, 1899 Myrtle May Patterson (1879-1933); (F) Orlando Melvin Bland called "Pete" (1876-1949) who married Myrtle Spurlin in 1901; (G) Sarah Ideela "Sadie" Bland (1880-1951) who married William McKinney in 1910. ^WJane Midtby received this family sketch for Thomas Jefferson Bland and Melissa Cole from Mrs. David Taylor of Shelbyville, Illinois. A photograph of the five children who survived to adulthood, made sometime before 1939, is displayed below.



Children of Thomas Jefferson Bland and
Melissa O. Cole, Courtesy Mrs. David Taylor

*Left to right
Leonard Ellsworth,
John Franklin, James Omer, Melvin Orlando, Sarah Ideella*

6. Thomas Bland (C1791-after 1820): Thomas appears in the Jackson County Indiana Census of 1820 which consists of a male 26-45 (himself), one male aged 10-16 and two males under ten. There are two females living with him age 10-16 and one under 10. Thomas' name has also been mentioned in legal traces in Clark County between 1812-1820 with other sons of William Bland the elder. Mary Jane Sine sent Baird's History of Clark County, Indiana (1909) p. 142, which shows that James Bland was appointed captain of the First Regiment of Clark County May 25, 1805 and that Thomas was appointed an ensign. Further, there is a record supplied by, I believe, Vera Bland, in which one John Wilkey (possibly a son of Jane Bland and William Wilkey discussed above) did service as a substitute for Thomas Bland, under Captain Owens, between January and February 1813. Readers of the Newsletter (cf AC 2-2, pp. 22-23) will note that in the last issue I described two soldiers in the War of 1812, who enlisted at Pendleton County (then Virginia) and served under Captain Hinkle. They were Thomas Bland (C1795-1865) whose place of birth was given as Hambolton, Virginia and who died in Wyandot, Ohio. Thomas married Martha "Patsy" Cunningham (C1799-1893) in Pendleton County, Virginia about October 1, 1820. The second soldier was John Bland (???-1864) who enlisted at the same time as Thomas and like Thomas, served several months in 1814 in Captain Jessie Hinkle's Company from Pendleton County. I originally suggested incorporation of them into the Pendleton County, Virginia family, which Edith Lanning does not fully accept. I am modifying my own prior position, and to some degree that of Jane Midtby and Edith Lanning and suggesting, for argument's sake, that these two men could be the younger sons of William Bland of Randolph County.

THE BLANDS OF KENTUCKY

Osborne and Lettice Bland

Juanita Max sent a copy of a deed in which Osborne and Lettice sold some land in Cumberland County, Kentucky in 1802. The last census in which Osborne was counted was Monroe County, (created from Cumberland) in 1820. Since Cumberland is way down on the Tennessee border, it got me to thinking that perhaps Osborne and Lettice might have had some previously unaccounted for child with them, that could help account for the seemingly unyielding problem of locating parents for Joshua Bland born in 1826 "somewhere in Tennessee" and for Reuben Bland (VU, pp. 479-483). Perhaps. It's just an idea.

John Bland and Elizabeth Shumate

Mary Virginia Manby has informed me that the wife of John Bland (VU, pp. 457-458; AC 1-2, pp. 12-13 and 2-2, pp. 29-31) was named Shumate, even though court recorders had her as Shewmate and other variations. Her dates, taken from a tombstone in Oldham County, Kentucky were December 18, 1774 to April 5, 1863, which would make my projected dates for John Bland (C1766-1836) about right. Also, the daughter Eleanor Bland who married William McMackin, subsequently married a man named Howard. The husband of John and Elizabeth's daughter Lucinda was Keynon, not Kenyon.

Further information about William Bland and Daniel Bland

Information about these two sons of John Bland and Margaret Osborne may be expanded because of excellent material sent to me by John W. Bland Jr. of

Elizabethtown, Kentucky, including census materials for Hardin County, 1850, 1870, marriage records for 1792-1835² and cemetery inscriptions.³ These records were sent to me by Mr. Bland, because he knew of my intense interest in Kentucky. Although the materials sent were only fragments of the whole, the resulting family frameworks that emerge for the families of William and Daniel Bland only underscore the importance of use of such materials as bible and tombstone records in conjunction with census materials, land transactions, etc.

William Bland: One of the first results of the new material is that the dates for William may now be changed, from C1777-1862 as previously noted (VU, pp. 460-461) to 1765-1850. William is buried beside his wife Sarah Peake (1769-1844), in the Red Mill Cemetery, Hardin County.

I have been able to use a 1932 query to a DAR magazine, sent to me by Pansy Willburn, to good effect. It lists 14 children of William and Sarah by name. If William and Sarah were married, based on their ages, about 1785-1790, one would expect Sarah to bear such a large family between those years and about 1815. Some information about William and Sarah's family needs revising. Mahalia Bland married John A. Raine, December 15, 1834, not 1824. Augustian Bland, one of William's daughters was shown in the book, (VU, p. 460) to have married Thomas C. Bland, February 8, 1834. Actually this is Thomas Osborne Bland, who, as I will discuss presently (see below, p. 29) I believe is a son of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes. Finally, the Hardin marriage records show William Bland as the father for Mary Bland who married Isaac Bennett, January 19, 1818.

There were ten children listed in the book for William and Sarah, but with additional names provided in the DAR list, (some of which admittedly may be erroneous) the number jumps to 16 including eleven daughters and five sons.

Among the daughters there were Augustian, Emily, Elizabeth, Katherine, Lydia, Mahalia, Mary, Mildred, Nancy, Sarah and Susan. Among the daughters, perhaps the most interesting is Lydia Bland (1812-1869) who married her cousin Leland Bland, son of Thomas Morton Bland and Ann Lawrence (VU, pp. 460, 475).

I misstated the facts when I said in the last number that nothing was known of Leland Bland (AC, 2-2, p. 28). It has been heretofore noted that Leland and Lydia Bland were married October 24, 1831 in Nelson County. Jane Arnold has shared with me some land transactions in Warren County, Kentucky showing that at least from 1833-1836 Leland and Lydia lived there in close proximity with Leland's brother Milton.

Census and cemetery information on Hardin County has established that Leland and Lydia lived there after the Warren County interval, and I have been able to piece together a remarkably complete family structure:

1. Katherine S. Crabb, 1850 Census of Hardin County, Kentucky and Jennie Deardorff, 1870 Census of Harding County, Kentucky.
2. Mary H. Stancliff, Marriage Bonds of Hardin County, Kentucky: 1792-1812;
Mary J. Jones, Hardin County, Kentucky Marriages: 1793-1809;
Frances T. Ingmire, Hardin County, Kentucky Marriage Records, 1813-1850;
Mary J. Jones, Marriages Hardin County, Kentucky, 1820-1829;
Frances T. Ingmire, Hardin County, Kentucky Marriage Records: 1825-1835 (1979)
3. James A. Jones and Mary J. Jones, Cemetery Inscriptions: Hardin County, Kentucky,
3 volumes;
Mrs. Ernest L. Dykes and Mrs. Dewey B. Pate, Cemeteries in Hardin County, Kentucky, 6 volumes.

Leland lived from March 13, 1812 to June 7, 1850 and Lydia from March 15, 1812-January 31, 1869. Leland did leave a will in Hardin County (Will Book F, page 214). The 1850 Census shows Lydia living with a family of eight children, including: (1) William T. Bland (April 15, 1833 - May 6, 1867); (2) Margaret A. Bland (April 20, 1835 - March 16, 1851); (3) Granville Bland (November 6, 1837-October 8, 1855); (4) Lucinda (C1840-???); (5) Adeline Bland (January 28, 1843 - November 25, 1851); (6) Henry Bland. The 1870 Census shows a Henry Bland, age 25, living with John L. Bland, age 4 but no wife. There are several branches of the Bland family mingled at Glendale Church, so it is impossible to determine if others buried near H.W. and Evaline are their children. (7) James H. Bland, (December 3, 1847 - December 12, 1874). The Hardin Census for 1870 shows a James H. age 22, working on the farm of John Daniel Bland; (8) Mary Elizabeth Bland, (December 23, 1849 - August 18, 1851).

Among the five tentative sons of William Bland and Sarah Peake, who include Daniel, Elijah, John, William and Ward, information is available about Elijah and William only.

Elijah was noted in the book (VU, pp. 460-461). He was born December 15, 1814 in Nelson County, Kentucky and married Corrilla (not Cornelia) Willett, born in Nelson County, September 22, 1822. A family group sheet prepared by Mrs. A.E. Lloyd of Morgan, Utah lists the following children: (1) William Monterey Bland (1844-???); (2) George Griffith Bland (1848-1870); (3) Rhoda Belle Bland (1852-1929) who married C.W. Rush; (4) Annie Corrilla Bland (1854-1930) who married Van Buren Stiles; (5) Stiles Preston Bland (1856-???) who married Annie Frederick Farnsworth; (6) Joseph Elijah Bland (1857-???) and (7) Mattie Margaret Bland (1861-???) who married Joseph Meredith.

The other son of William Bland and Sarah Peake of whom we have some information is William Bland (C1813-died after 1870). In the 1850 and 1870 Census, William is shown married to Susan _____ (1813-after 1870) with the following children: (1) Hester A. (C1836-???) (2) Nancy E. (1839-???) (3) Elizabeth (C1841-???) (4) John (C1844-???) (5) Mary A.E. (C1847-???) (6) Phebe (C1849-???) and (7) Catherine (C1855-???). In 1850, a woman named Hester Cleaver, possibly a sister of Susan, age 39, was living with William.

Daniel Bland: Since Daniel and Elizabeth Hughes married in Washington County in 1796 it is possible to estimate their dates at about 1775 and 1778 respectively. Both were named in an 1838 deed in Hardin County in which they sold 67 acres of land to their son John for \$1.00 and they disappear from the land transactions I have seen thereafter. If Elizabeth were 18 when she married, one would assume she could have continued bearing children up to 1820-1825.

For working purposes, it appears from various marriage and census records that Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes had a family of at least eight children, including five sons and three daughters:

1. John H. Bland (C1801-1870), who married Mary Ann Creager. Two of their daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Ellen, have been noted (VU, p. 459). There appears also to have been a daughter Ann Bland (C1826-???) who married William Van Meter, May 12, 1847. John and Mary are not shown in the 1850 census and by 1870 are shown living alone.

2. Daniel Bland (C1802-???): Daniel Bland, son of Daniel, married Nancy Bland, daughter of Samuel Bland in Nelson County, September 24, 1823.

3. Jessie Henry Bland (1805-1862) is the ancestor of my correspondent, John W. Bland Jr. (AC 2-2, p. 31). Jessie is shown in the 1850 census with a family of nine children, including:

A. John Daniel Bland (1828-1876), who married Mary Angeline Lampton (1835-1919). They were parents of William Henry Bland, (1854-1919) who married Mary Elizabeth Akers (1859-1920) October 31, 1877. This couple had a family of four children: (1) Charles Lorenzo Bland (1878-1954) who married Edna Jean Pritchard (1887-1982); (2) Maud Bland (1881-1913) who married D.W. Mason; (3) Gertrude Bland (1883-1954) who married R.L. Mason; (4) Louise Bland, (1885-1950), who married Dr. J.F. Glasscox (1879-1957).

B. Daniel S. Bland (June 30, 1830 - November 18, 1912) who married twice: First to Nancy E. _____ (August 18, 1842 - February 19, 1880) and second to Fannie Wilson (February 1, 1850 - December 27, 1934). The Bland cemetery near Sonora leaves a grim tale about the ill fated family of Daniel and Nancy: Joseph H. (1859-1859); John Thomas (1862-1880); William (1864-six in 1870). He may have the William E.S. Bland (1864-1934) buried with his wife, Sallie Belle Buckles (1862-1934) in the Glendale Cemetery. Let us hope so. Mary E. (1867-1867); Alice (1868-two in 1870); unnamed infant son (1870-1870); unnamed infant daughter (1872-1872); Leona (1873-1874); Chrilla (1876-1877).

C. Thomas Osborne Bland (1832-1898). John W. Bland Jr. was not certain where to place Thomas, whom I discussed briefly in the last issue (AC 2-2, p. 32). I confused him with the man who married Augustian Bland (see above, p. 27). My reasoning follows: Thomas Osborne, son of Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes, was named for his uncle Osborne Bland, and this younger Thomas Osborne Bland was named in turn for his uncle. Thomas Osborne married Emily Ann Lampton (1837-1918) and according to John W. Bland had a family of ten children, including: (1) Loretta Bland; (2) Jesse Henry Bland who married Mary Ann _____. They had a son William Haywood Bland and a daughter Ella R. Bland; (3) Lenora Bland; (4) Price Bland (September 15, 1862 - November 13, 1895); (5) Charles Robert Bland; (6) Mary Ellen Bland; (7) James Hagan Bland, who married Catherine _____; (8) Virgil Thomas Bland (1871-1949) who married Frances I. _____ (1874-1956); (9) W.H. Bland; (10) J.D. Bland who married Elizabeth _____.

D. Bailey S. Bland (1837-1907), who married Betie (Elizabeth) (1837-???). Bailey's family by 1870 included the following: (1) James W. Bland (1861-???); (2) Lola R. Bland (1864-???); (3) Samuel R. Bland (February 3, 1866 - September 9, 1933) who married Sarah E. Sullivan (July 23, 1860 - May 17, 1944); (4) Eliza Bland (C1868-???); Annetta Bland (8 months in 1870).

E. Matilda Bland (C1838-???)

F. Elizabeth Bland (C1841-???)

G. Phebe Bland (C1844-???)

H. Jessie H. Bland (July 12, 1846 - July 3, 1883). Jessie married Mary Ann _____ (1848-1915).

I. Mary A. (C1847-???)

4. Samuel Bland (C1809-???): Samuel Bland, son of Daniel, married Frances Haskett in Hardin County, March 19, 1830.
5. Mildred Bland (C1810-???): Mildred Bland, daughter of Daniel, married David Stark in Hardin County, July 30, 1828.
6. Nancy Bland (C1811-???): Nancy Bland married Squire Snyder in Hardin County, May 27, 1827. John H. Bland, surety.
7. Thomas Osborne Bland (C1813-???): Thomas Osborne Bland married his cousin Augustian Bland (see above, pp. 27, 29).
8. Sarah Bland (C1815-???): Sarah Bland, daughter of Daniel, married Charles Barlow in Hardin County, April 8, 1833.

The following entries found in various records are for persons born before 1850 who may belong to the family of William Bland and Sarah Peake or Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes.

1. Thomas R. Bland (1825-???) appears in the 1850 census with a wife Sarah (1824-???) and two small children, Mary P. (1847-???) and Sarah E. (1848-???).
2. A Vardamin Bland (September 20, 1828 - March 17, 1888) is buried at the Otter Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with his wife Martha Lewis Bland (July 23, 1833 - January 2, 1919).
3. John Bland is listed as a 40 year old distiller, living in Hardin County, 1870 on the farm of John Stuart.
4. There is a marriage record in Hardin County for Sarah Bland and Israel Standaford, July 7, 1836 and another for Daniel H. Bland and Milly Hart, July 15, 1843.

The Children of Thomas Bland, Fauquier County, Virginia

One question that I know has been burning in everyone's mind is whatever happened to Mary Bland, daughter of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) and his wife Jane _____ Smith (VU, p. 372). One possible answer is that she moved to Kentucky, probably with the John Bland-Margaret Osborne Family and there married Henry Higgins on February 25, 1793, in Nelson County. Stancliffe's Nelson County Marriages shows this Mary as the daughter of Thomas Bland, deceased.

Thomas Bland also mentioned in his will "my youngest son" James Bland, who married Susannah Starke in Fauquier County, Virginia, July 19, 1800. I believe this couple is the same James Bland and Susannah that I discussed in the last number and that I erroneously assigned James to the family of Daniel Bland (AC 2-2, pp. 31-32). I have a number of reasons for reaching this conclusion (I want to thank John W. Bland Jr. of Elizabethtown, Kentucky for much of the information that helped me reach the conclusion, including an inquiry he made in a letter about June 1984). First, Jane _____ Smith Bland made out her will in Fauquier, Virginia May 24, 1797 and it was probated July 25, 1802.

Her son, by a marriage to Joseph Smith was a man named Weedon Smith, who was executor of her will. I don't know how coincidental it could be that a grandson of James Bland and Susannah of Hardin, Kentucky was named Weden S. (Smith?) Bland. Importantly, in 1803, Weedon Smith and James Bland, within a month of each other, divested land in Fauquier, Virginia that had been passed to them by their mother's estate. James, in a deed dated September 5, 1803, divested land that had been granted to William Bland (C1682-1744) by the proprietors about 1726 (Fauquier Deed Book 1, 1800-1802, p. 190, cf VU, p. 270). Marian Daniels, pay attention, for a case may be building to show that John Bland and Margaret Osborne were James Bland's aunt and uncle. On November 15 and 17, 1810, there appear two land sales of 520 and 150 acres near Rudes Creek in Hardin County to James Bland of Fauquier County, Virginia. James is still identified as a resident of Fauquier in a quitclaim to the 520 acre transaction May 13, 1811. In two subsequent transactions, 1817 and 1818, James is a resident of Hardin County.

Thus I conclude that James Bland, whose dates on the West Rudes Creek Cemetery are December 19, 1780 to February 2, 1829, and his wife Susannah Starke (identified in the 1850 Hardin census as born in Virginia) born March 3, 1783 and died September 17, 1852, are the couple that sold property in Virginia in 1803, and that James is the son of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) of Fauquier County, Virginia and Jane _____ Smith, who died about 1802.

Because many of the children and families of James and Susannah are buried with them at West Rudes Creek Cemetery, it is possible to formulate a fairly complete sketch of their family:

1. Thomas Bland (December 21, 1803 - September 5, 1823) *June 4, 1834*
2. Henry Bland (December 23, 1808 - August 31, 1881). Henry married first to Mariah English, (October 20, 1809 - August 31, 1831) August 12, 1829. Henry had two daughters by Mariah English, Ann Elizabeth Bland (C1830-???) who married John Richard Gaither, November 23, 1849; and Elmira Bland (C1831-???) who married Horace G.V. Wintersmith, November 26, 1850. Following Mariah English's death, Henry married Alice V. Harding (January 18, 1810 - November 15, 1880) and had five children by her: (A) Maria Bland (May 4, 1836 - February 25, 1887) who apparently died an old maid. She was living with Henry in 1870, and was buried with the name Bland; (B) Strother H. Bland (August 21, 1837 - March 26, 1925) who married Kate E. Parepoint (July 19, 1840 - October 20, 1885). They are listed in the 1870 census with a family of 9 children, including Edward E., 9; Alice V., 7; Charles A., 5. Charles married Edna E. _____; (C) Harvey O. Bland (December 10, 1868 - May 10, 1956). Harvey married Lena Van Metre (May 14, 1871 - February 22, 1953); and William S. Bland (May 16, 1878 - October 13, 1938). Strother in 1870 had two mullatos and three blacks on his farm, including William Bland (C1847-???) *LAVINA or Marina Bland (C1839-???)* married John Overall; (D) James H. Bland (C1843-???) was still living with Henry in 1870. (E) Evarts Bland (1845-???) was still living with Henry in 1870, *M. H. Bland (F.A. 4, 1843) - M.A. 26, 1854* *TRABUE, Nov. 23, 1886.*
3. Elizabeth Bland (C1809-???) who married Richard Richards in Hardin County, July 19, 1825. *APR 23, 1835* *APR 28, 1832* *APR 13, 1876* *MAY 7, 1839* *APR 6, 1882*
4. Jane Bland (March 11, 1811 - January 30, 1848) who married Leonard Farmer, April 3, 1829. On her tombstone she is called Leonard's "consort." *390* *Case Ann with sum D. 1-1-1915*

396-5. William Bland (September 10, 1813 - February 17, 1861) who married Adaline English (January 20, 1817 - March 29, 1891) on May 14, 1835. From the 1850 and 1870 censuses and from tombstones, the following family of William and Adaline is represented: (A) Weedon S. Bland (C1838-???); (B) Alonzo Bland (August 31, 1839 - February 3, 1916). Alonzo married Mary E. _____ (October 28, 1845 - June 15, 1887); (C) Horace W. Bland, probably the H.W. Bland (February 23, 1844 - April 21, 1933) who married Evaline English (January 12, 1851 - May 8, 1924). They are buried at the Glendale Christian Church Cemetery; (D) Woodford Bland (C1845-???) still living with his mother in 1870; (E) Mary Elizabeth Bland (C1846-???) ; (F) Ada Bland (July 3, 1857 - November 16, 1876). William and Adaline also had two children who died as infants, James W. Bland (1836-1838) and Melissa Bland (1841-1844).

6. Susannah Bland (C1814-???) who married William Mather, July 12, 1831.

396-7. Mary Ann Bland (December 29, 1817 - August 29, 1876) married John English (December 24, 1813 - March 24, 1877).

397-8. Malinda Bland (March 4, 1819 - July 29, 1886) married William Abell, November 12, 1839.

9. Lucretia Bland (C1824-???) married Elijah Hansborough, January 17, 1841.

I am pleased to have been able to develop this family of James Bland and Susannah Starke which has become my favorite in Kentucky. It seems now to be a family waiting for descendants.

A closing note would be that if Mary Bland and James Bland, children of Thomas Bland (1719-1788) went to Kentucky, it may be that Henry Bland (over 21 in 1777, VU, pp. 370-372) also went to Kentucky, and that he is the deceased parent referenced in the marriage of Nancy Bland to Robert Webb in Nelson County, March 30, 1807, and the Henry Bland mentioned in John Bland's will of 1795 (VU, p. 429).

Black Families in Hardin County

While researching the above families, I found the following records of blacks in Hardin County in 1870:

1. Charles Bland, age 64, living in the household of Emily Dorsey.
2. Harrison Bland, age 18, living with Ephriam Marriott.
3. Jerry Bland, age 25, head of household with Mariah, age 32, Harrison, Emily, Lewis, Neoma, Eliza and Elizabeth.
4. John Bland, age 56, head of household with Eliza, age 60.
5. Jordan Bland, age 33, living with Fielding Simmons.
6. Martin Bland, age 50, head of household with Mary J., age 49.
7. Robert Bland, age 24, head of household with Harriet, age 21.

8. Samuel Bland, age 63, head of household, with Mahala, age 55, Harrison, age 35, Luch, age 30, Henry, age 27, minors Jane, Eleanor, George Ann, and George.

THE BLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Elza Bland, Son of Wormeley Bland, Edgefield County, South Carolina

I have established contact with an ambitious young correspondent, Mary Elizabeth Murphy of East Palatka, Florida, who descends from Wormeley Bland (1771-1800) and Sarah Turner Bland Mobley, through their daughter Margaret (1800-1868) who married Darling Hazel. Through Mary Murphy, I have been able to reconstruct a considerable amount of information about Wormeley Bland's branch of the Edgefield County Family, particularly about his son Elza.

First, however, I would like to call attention to a certain symmetry in migrations by Blands who appear to be from this Edgefield County Family. A good map of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama properly marked shows a smooth linear westward progression of families from Edgefield-Richmond County (Frank Bland, see below p. 37) to Washington-Wilkes County, Georgia (Elijah Bland, 1775-1837, and William Bland AC 1-2, pp. 20-21) to Chatahoochie, Georgia (Talton Bland C1795-1870, AC 1-1, p. 13) and Randolph-Quitman, Georgia (Harrison Bland C1819-??? AC 2-1, p. 22) to Dallas County, Alabama (Silas Blann and others, AC 2-1, pp. 16-19). A further similarity is that excepting Silas Blann, whose given name is popular in the Edgefield County, South Carolina and Pendleton, Virginia/West Virginia branch, given names of all the individuals who need linkages derive from family names (surnames). Robert Bland of Edgefield County named three of his sons Presley, Wormeley and Peyton, all good Virginia family names. Wormeley Bland and Sarah Turner had two sons named Turner and Elza. Sarah herself was the daughter of William Turner and Sarah Ellzey of Virginia, probably the correct name that repeatedly was bastardised by its users, Elza Bland, whom we shall examine below; my great grandfather Berry Elsey Bland (1856-1917); Elzy Harmon Bland (1867-1938), who descended through Peyton Bland, Wormeley's brother; Elsey Bland (1840-???) of the Pitt County, North Carolina Family (AC 2-2, p. 39) and Elsa Bland, (VU, p. 397). Researchers for these various lines who have thus far been unable to identify their lines of descent would do well to take heart from these similarities.

Mary Murphy sent me a copy of a will made August 26, 1848 and probated October 11, 1848 for Sarah Turner Bland, who after Wormeley Bland's death in 1800 must have married a Mobley. Sarah's will may clarify things a bit for this branch. She left bequests to "all my children" including Mariah Parmenter, Elza Bland, Margaret Hazel, William Mobley, Jeremiah Mobley, Catherine Gamble, Harriet Herring, Mary Paul, Cockroft and John Twombly. She left no bequest for Turner Bland, a proven child. Neither did Sarah mention William Bland (1792-1868), my great, great, great grandfather, who by family tradition is said to be a son of Wormeley and Sarah. One can develop rationales that Sarah overlooked William (he had moved away from Edgefield to Rutherford County, North Carolina, a right fur piece), etc. But then William might not have been Sarah's son. Betty Lovvorn of Oak Ridge, Tennessee who wrote a brief history of the William Bland family, in 1862, said "I know only that it is said by the older Blands that their great grandfather was Wormsley (sic) (or Warrington) Bland." Yet that is not proof. William might have been the grandson of Edward Bland (C1730-1800), who witnessed the will of his brother Robert in 1786-1787. I have felt for some time that there needs to be research done on

Edward and his family, in order to make greater sense of the Edgefield County group. Edward's family lived in York and Union County, South Carolina.

Information sent earlier by Carrie Scales Evans and Mollie Grant regarding an "Elijah" Bland may be used along with some material sent me by Mary Murphy to considerably enhance our knowledge of Wormeley Bland's son Elza, who was born March 5, 1798 and died November 25, 1879. Elza is well documented as the son of Wormeley Bland and Sarah Turner (VU, pp. 520-522). Sometime before 1819, Elza married Sophia Johnson Pow, widow of Phillip Pow and daughter of Moore Johnson, whose other daughter Mary married Avory Bland (C1792-1857) son of Wormeley's brother Presley (1767-1839). By 1835, when Moore Johnson made out his will, both Elza and Sophia had moved to Alabama. The "Elijah" turned up by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Grant was Elza Bland. Dallas County, Alabama records show him married to Damaris Barnes on June 5, 1842, (indicating Sophia Pow died about 1841) and the 1850 Census shows him with the following children, who have some harmony with a Hazel family Bible record:

1. John W. Bland (May 14, 1819, not shown in the 1850 Census).
2. Harriet Bland (1821-1822)
3. Jane E. Bland (July 25, 1825, not shown in the 1850 Census).
4. ~~Elza W. Elizabeth W. Bland~~ (August 29, 1830 - December 24, 1854).
5. Francis M. Bland (October 18, 1841, shown in the 1850 Census).
6. Frances J. Bland (1846-1848).

Damaris Barnes was shown as age 44 in the 1850 Census. She was not Elza's last wife, however, for about 1863 (based on depositions by Elza's family and mother-in-law), Elza robbed the cradle when he married Sarah L. Neyland, a mere child, judging by her pictures. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Neyland (1813-1886) and though her exact age is not now known, she must have been comparatively young when she married old Elza, who no doubt anticipated Strom Thurmond's sentiment that he would rather smell perfume in bed than linament.

Sarah was still alive November 29, 1892 when she wrote a very touching letter to a nephew, Elza Hazel, to whom she gave Elza's violin. She wrote that Elza had once loaned the violin to someone. When it was returned, it didn't work, so Elza laid it aside and never used it again. Sarah wrote to her nephew Elza Hazel, "I want you to have it for I may not be here long." Mary Murphy shared with me two photographs of Elza Bland and Sarah Neyland, which I am pleased to display on the following page.

Mary Murphy turned up two depositions which reflect a dispute between Elza's wife, his nieces and nephews, over his will. Sarah petitioned for probate on December 4, 1879 but the petition was promptly challenged by other family members who claimed that Sarah and her mother, in the year prior to his death, had dislodged one John Paul (1838-1881), Elza's nephew and Paul's daughter, Elza's grand-niece, Mary Ellen Paul (1846-1890). By harsh and cruel words, and by constant importuning and coaxing and scolding, Sarah and her mother "had unduly influenced" Elza to formulate a last will which named Sarah as executor and sole heir.

In rebuttal, Elizabeth Neyland characterized Elza as a fairly alert man until the last few months of his life, when, as they put it in those days, "he fell off a right smart." In these last days, Elza was blind "but he could see well enough to tell one person from another, or one thing from another



Elza Bland



Sarah L. Neyland

Courtesy Mary Murphy

when he held it in his hand." For example, "he could see the time with his watch, and could walk up the road by himself...he could still see to go about the yard." Sounds like a White House release on President Reagan's health.

The pivotal point in all this seems to have been a trip in 1877, in which Elza spent about a year in New York with his niece Mary Ellen Paul. There may have been a rivalry of some sort between Sarah and Mary Ellen, who were of about the same age and it may well have been a precipitating reason why Mary Ellen and her father left the Elza Bland household shortly after Elza's return from New York. (Strange thing, as important as this trip to New York was, Elizabeth Neyland never gets around to explaining where Elza went and why.) But Mrs. Neyland is quite clear in her explanation that Sarah and Elza had discussed the original will, which named Paul and his daughter to share in the estate with Sarah, and that finally, after he returned from New York, Elza had sat down by the fire and burned the original will. Mrs. Neyland described the relationship between her daughter and Elza as pleasant, except when they fought about "meals or any other thing about the house." Then too, "sometimes when he would get angry, she would get angry...Mr. Bland was impatient and had a quick temper and Mrs. Bland was pretty quick sometimes, too." As far as anyone knows,

(October 22, 1866 - July 24, 1959) for whom contradictory evidence shows Charles as having been born both in Georgia and in Edgefield County, South Carolina. His death certificate says Georgia. He died in Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California, where he had worked as a traffic manager and rate specialist until 1944. Charles Armstrong Bland married Elizabeth O'Connell (1871-1952) born in Augusta, Georgia and by her had at least two children, Mary Elizabeth McGowan Bland and Dorsey Checkley Bland (1894-1974) born in Augusta, Georgia who married Lenore Sheffer whose daughter Mary Michael Bland married Monedo Monje, whose son married my correspondent Colleen. The Edgefield County, South Carolina to Georgia-Alabama connection, (coincidental or not, Augusta, Georgia where Charles Armstrong Bland was born, is in Richmond County, directly in the pattern of migration suggested above (p. 33) and just across the border from Edgefield, South Carolina.

Harrison Bland

Harrison Bland, who was in Quitman County, Georgia in 1860, (Ac 1-2, p. 22) was previously shown as married to a woman named Samantha. Mary Belle Tutt, Harrison's descendant has informed me that she found a marriage record for Harrison and Samantha Thompson in Randolph County, Georgia, February 16, 1840. Quitman County was formed in part from Randolph County in 1858.

Samuel Bland of Lincoln County, Tennessee

The 1850 Census shows a Samuel Bland, age 47, born in Georgia, living with a wife Mary, age 44, and Lucinda, 16; Martha, 15; James, 14; John W., 12; William, 10. Samuel's wife and all his children were born in Tennessee. Near them lives a Mary Bland, age 60, born in South Carolina and a Mary Bland, age 32, born in Tennessee. It may be that this family stems from South Carolina via Georgia and Alabama, inasmuch as Lincoln County is adjacent to the Alabama line. There was a Samuel Bland who witnessed the will of Robert Bland (1732-1787) in 1786, in Edgefield, South Carolina. No relation is proven here or even assumed.

Family News: Descendants of Berry Elsey Bland (1856-1917)

Two members of my family died during this period. My uncle, Maurice R. Long (1910-1984), husband of my Aunt Virginia Viril Bland, died on July 12, 1984. "Slim" as everyone knew him, was one of my childhood favorites, and his passing is much regretted. Also, my aunt Hestine Bland (1901-1984), eldest child of my grandparents, Thomas Bunyan Bland (1876-1955) and Margaret Delena Kirby (1883-1958) died on August 6, 1984. Among Bunyan and Maggie's original ten children, three remain, Grace Truman Bland Shurley; Virginia Viril Bland Long and Sarah Evelyn Bland Setzer.

The new generation of this family, though we are geographically dispersed, still stay in touch. Bright news arrives at intervals. I am delighted to know that my cousin and adopted brother,* John Howard Bland and his wife Joyce Pearson have been made grandparents twice in the last year, first with the birth of Kristan Leigh Bland on December 22, 1983, daughter of Sean Thomas Bland and his

*Informal adoption among us three occurred in the wake of my father's death. For Sarah, it was like the title of an old Clint Eastwood-Shirley McLaine movie, "Two Mules for Sister Sarah."

wife Joy Michelle, born in Obion, Union County, Tennessee. Although I do not have the dates, John Howard's daughter Angela Lynn Bland Williams and her new husband have a new daughter, their first child, Laura Hunter Williams. I am delighted to welcome Kristan Leigh and Laura Hunter to our society of cousins. Kristan's photo appears on page 40. I also include, because she is such a beautiful child, a photograph of Terri Lynn Whitekettle (1970-), daughter of my cousin and adopted sister,* Sarah Setzer and her husband John Whitekettle, and granddaughter of my aunt Sarah Evelyn Bland and my uncle, Forrest S. "Pete" Setzer. Finally, I am exercising editorial license by including a photograph of two other beautiful children, my own, Christina Louise Bland (1978-) and Thomas Eliot Bland (1981-)

MISSING LINKS

Francis Bland and Nanny Hill

This family was discussed briefly in the last number (AC 2-2, p. 41). Margie Hartis asked me to note that Francis' wife was named Nanny, not Nancy. So noted. Francis was born September 27, 1849 in Bunt Ridge, Harewood District, York County, England, passing through Pennsylvania about 1884 and died in 1902 in Saledo, Bell county, Texas as is Nanny Hill (1852-1922). After Francis' death, Nanny married S.M. Sims. Francis and nanny had the following children: (A) Alice Leah Bland Whitley (1873-1905). Alice was Margie Hartis' grandmother, and her photograph is on page 41. (B) Annie Bland (1875-???) married Joe Hancock October 8, 1893, and _____ Scott; (C) Florence Bland (1877-1941), married Dow Duke, August 30, 1896; (D) James William Bland (1880-1927) married Janie Farrow, September 14, 1898; (E) Joseph Bland (1882-1901); (F) Lilly Ada (1885-1973) married John Gardner, January 17, 1904; (G) Lucy Bland (1887-1968) married Joe Roe, December 17, 1900?!! (H) Willie, no dates.

Gideon Bland and Amanda Parker

A new correspondent, Roy Bland, Rte. 1, Box 10300, of Midland, Texas 79705 is searching for the parents of Gideon Bland, who was born in Butler County, Alabama, October 23, 1822 and died October 18, 1876 at Falls County, Texas. He married Amanda Parker (1828-1924) and moved with her to Texas in 1875. Gideon may have been the son of George Bland (C1790-???) of North Carolina and Elizabeth Proctor, daughter of James U. Proctor. Gideon was the father of Robert Edward Lee Bland (1870-1968), born in Greenville, Butler County, Alabama and died in Brownfield, Texas. Robert Edward married Laura Minnie Yarborough (1877-1971). They were the parents of Roy Bland of Midland, Texas.

Valinda Bland: A new correspondent, Bland Williamson, 2240 East 25th Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114, is looking for the parentage of his great, great grandmother Valinda Bland, possibly of Gloucester County, Virginia. Valinda married Henry W. Brooking and they had a daughter Mildred, Mr. Williamson's ancestor. Very little else is known. Valinda would have been born C1800.

Ellsworth Bland: Jane Midtby sent an interesting note about Ellsworth Bland, born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, who came to the United States and settled in Gas City, Indiana about 1800. Ellsworth was a glassblower, who according to family legend, originated the formula for brown beer bottles, coke bottles, etc. (which in 2500 A.D. will make him more famous to archeologists than any president). Jane spoke to one Robert James Karr of Olney, Illinois who descends from Ellsworth, and claims a connection between Ellsworth and "the family who



Terri Lynn Whitekettle



Kristan Leigh Bland



Christina Louise and
Thomas Eliot Bland
(1984)

had a plantation in Virginia since before the revolution" and Silver Dick Bland and also Jane's correspondent is distantly related to Queen Elizabeth (she of the oversized purse, not the Virgin Queen).

Jane Bland Forrester

Pamela Murray, 3106 Somerset Drive S.E., Cleveland, Tennessee is searching for more information about Jane Bland, who married James Forrester in Stokes County, North Carolina, August 11, 1787. James Forrester and Jane Bland had a daughter Selema Leona (Lomey) Forrester who married William Key in Surry County, North Carolina, December 23, 1809. Since Stokes County was part of the Rowan-Anson County derivatives and Jane, to have married in 1787 would have had to be born about 1770, it is possible to look for some link with the Randolph County, North Carolina Group, but one would assume Jane was born in Virginia, so a search for John Bland would be there.

Arthur Bland

Inez Turner, 516 South Bonner Street, Hope, Arkansas 71801, is searching for a further back connection for Arthur Bland and his wife Elizabeth Waddell, perhaps from around Raleigh, North Carolina. They were parents of George Washington Bland, Mrs. Turner's great grandfather, (September 14, 1831 - October 27, 1905) who married Margaret Jane Muse (1835-1925) on May 31, 1852. Arthur Bland was in Tennessee in 1840 and died at McNairy County, Tennessee. His son George Washington Bland migrated to Arkansas during the Civil War settling in Prarie (later Lonoke) County. Arthur bland was married twice, also to Arthusa Murrill (divorced widow of an outlaw, John A. Murrill). Arthur Bland and Elizabeth Waddell had in addition to George Washington Bland, Robert, Thomas, John, Emmaline, and by Arthusa Murrill, James Bland. One source has made a, to me, doubtful connection to Richard Bland of Virginia. There is a semblance of a Bland-Muse, George Washington Bland connection above (page 15) in the discussion of the Duplin, North Carolina Family. George Washington is a fairly popular given name, appearing now six times in my research.

While on the subject of Tennessee, I should note information from Acklen, Tombstone Inscriptions and Historical Manuscripts, sent me by Vera Bland. It shows in the Nashville, Tennessee City Cemetery: Jackie Bland (1856-1857) daughter of Joshua H. and H. Bland; Joseph A. Bland (October 18, 1830 - July 20, 1905); Alex Bland (August 25, 1845 - March 30, 1916); and Margaret Evans Bland (1851-1928); Martha Elizabeth, died April 21, 1853, age 15 years, 7 months, 7 days, daughter of Wilson and Susan W. Bland; and James Hardin Bland, also of



Alice Leah Bland Whitley, Courtesy Margie Hartis

Wilson and Susan, died November 5, 1857, 16 years, 9 months, 5 days.

Information sent by Mary Gatlin, Fayetteville, Tennessee to Edith Lanning and then to me, shows Jonathan N. Bland, married to Lucey Ann Tuley, born in North Carolina about 1815 but travelled to Tennessee via Bland County, Virginia. Their children were James H. Bland, a Civil War veteran who died in Virginia, Jonathan Frank Bland, Eli Alexander Bland, William Perry Bland, Lizzie Bland, Delina Bland and Lee Bland. Jonathan Bland died in Abilene, Texas while visiting his son William Perry. Jonathan also had a son Preston Monroe Bland (January 7, 1845 - November 21, 1918) born in Marshall, Tennessee who married Martha Virginia Jones (1854-1926). Their daughter Maudie A. Bland (1886-1945) was the mother of Mary Gatlin.

Grover Cleveland Bland

Nora Skaggs, 321 East 4th Street, Tonganoxie, Kansas 66086 is searching for information about James W. Bland and his wife Nancy Mathews, both buried at Deslet Shannon County, Missouri. Scant information is known of James and Nancy, who had children: Isabelle, who married Ford Duncan; Mary, who married John Chronister; Wesley, who died at age 21; Richard, who married Minnie Gore; Warren, who married Virgie Gore; and Grover Cleveland Bland (1882-1952), who married Lulu Belle Roderman Skaggs (1889-1930) August 17, 1920. They had a family of five children including Nancy, Edward, Jay, Aslee and Richard Bland (changed to Skaggs), who married Nora May Garner, my correspondent.

Last Words

Just before going to press, I received word from Mollie Grant, P.O. Box 4, Hampton, Arkansas 71744, who announced that she has just finished a genealogical book, Silas Blann and Descendants, which she is publishing herself and selling at a price of \$15. per copy. Those of you who are interested in the Edgefield County, South Carolina or Dallas County, Alabama family should find this a worthy investment.

Mary Jane, Christina Louise, Thomas Eliot and I wish all of you a very restful, peaceful, happy holiday season. I look forward to more genealogy in 1985.

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