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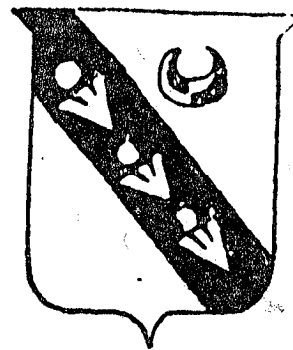
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## THE BLAND FAMILY NEWSLETTER

# Cousins



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### NATIONWIDE BLAND REUNION

This is something I have looked forward to for a long time, a once in a lifetime event. Several weeks ago notices were mailed out to all the Cousins about the nationwide Bland Family Reunion at Elizabethtown Kentucky, August 10-11, 1985. In the event you did not get the original material I am enclosing it with the newsletter. John W. Bland Jr. and his wife Vivian have generously offered their home as the location of the reunion until attendance exceeds 200. If that number is reached, the reunion meeting will take place at the Elizabethtown Community Center. We are sending out these notices now so you may be able to make your plans to attend. If you think you would like to attend, please return the coupon at the bottom of the enclosure to John W. Bland Jr. Note that John has arranged special reunion rates for the Holiday Inn in Elizabethtown. A list of alternate

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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" continues  
as the vehicle that enables expansion 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

lodging and eating places also is enclosed. Its a nice moment in time, to meet, reminisce and socialize.

Hope to see you there.

#### THE RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE CEMETERY FUND

I will presently provide information about how you can help with what I believe is a most worthwhile project. When I visited the Reverend Linneous Preston Bland in September 1984, he took me for a tour of the Bland historic sites, including Jordan's point, which was then a thicket of trees, vines and briars. At that time, he indicated that there was a chance that graves of some of the James River family could be located and he hoped to have some of his family obtain permission to clear the area. L.P. Bland's enthusiasm is so contagious, that, following some difficult early efforts on his own, he engaged the interest of Richard Bland College, Petersburg Virginia. Joint efforts by the college and L.P. Bland have turned up several tombstones, including that of Theodorick Bland, M.D., (VU, pp. 170-180) and one William Eppes Bland. Lately, I have been in touch with Mrs. E.K. "Marge" Solenberger, Public Relations Director at Richard Bland College. Mrs. Solenberger informs me that action is being taken, under the supervision of archeologists, to remove roots, brush, etc. and to probe for further graves. In addition the gravesite will be set aside, (developers have agreed to preserve it intact) seeded and protected by a colonial brick fence. A restaurant owner whose establishment faces the prospective gravesite, has agreed once it has been renovated to keep it mowed and cared for. Dedication ceremonies are tentatively set for October 26, 1985, anniversary date of Richard Bland's death.

I appeal to all of my cousins to contribute what you can afford to this very worthwhile effort that is directly germane to our family heritage. A fund for tax deductible contributions has been established by Richard Bland College. Send your contributions to THE RICHARD BLAND CEMETERY FUND, Co, Mrs. E. K. Solenberger, Public Relations Director, Richard Bland College, Petersburg Virginia, 23805. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Progress-Index- Petersburg- March 17, 1985



### Clearing Grave Site

Sixteen-year-old Eagle Scout hopeful Doug Labon inspects the headstone of Theodore Bland, M.D., the brother of Richard Bland Saturday. A large pile of cut brush appears in the back-

ground with some burnt brush in the foreground. Labon is clearing the grave site with others from Richard Bland College. (Staff Photo By Dan Currier)

Mrs. Solenberger has also kept me informed about another interesting development at Richard Bland College. The Susan Griswold Brown likeness of Richard Bland (1710-1776, VU pp. 151-166) was appended as attachment of Volume 1 number 2, of "Among Cousins". The likeness was rendered from a painting by Peter Frederick Rothenmel done in 1850. The painting depicts Patrick Henry addressing the Virginia House of Burgesses. There is a figure in the painting (sitting as far away from old Patrick as he can so as not to be seen cringing at what Henry has to say or at his bad breath) who has been identified as Richard Bland (1710-1776). It is from this painting that Susan Griswold based her likeness. Now the 1852 etching has been donated to Richard Bland College by Edward A. Wyatt of Fairfax County in memory of Edward A.

Wyatt IV, Petersburg Virginia historian and Editor of the Petersburg Progress-Index. The Rothermel painting suggests the value of search, which is in progress, to locate a possible original painting of Richard Bland. The Rothermel painting was made from then surviving portraits of the men who heard Patrick Henry's speech, thus there is reasonable cause to believe such a portrait of Richard Bland still exists. I hope to have a good likeness of the Rothermel painting to include in a future number of "Among Cousins".

#### LOST AND LATE COPIES

By now you all must know that I never get the Newsletter out on time. It is not deliberate of course, but because this is still a kind of part-time endeavor, I simply must balance priorities between genealogy, job, family, academics, rest, etc. In the last months, however, I have had a disturbing number of instances in which subscribers have never received copies due them of the Newsletter and in some cases, the book.

The book is insured; however, it is not practical to insure the Newsletter thus invariably there will be instances where it is lost in the mail. PLEASE, remember that you are paid subscribers and have every right to demand receipt of the issues that are due to you. I have no way of knowing you didn't get your Newsletter, however, if you don't write or call.

I do very much value your business, your patronage and your continuing interest in my work. In any given Newsletter cycle, you should probably allow 30 days beyond the announced publication date. If after the thirty days you have still not received your copy of "Among Cousins", please, I urge, beg and implore you, don't be shy (some of you aren't, believe me). Let me know by phone or mail. A replacement copy will be mailed to you promptly.

#### DALLAS COUNTY ALABAMA RESEARCH

In March, I ordered some material from Dallas County Alabama and received with my material a note from Marie W. McLaughlin who works through auspices of the Dallas County Probate Judges Office, responding to genealogical inquiries. Her rates seem reasonable, and she appears to give more care and thought, and creativity to orders placed than would a disinterested administrator. Since at least two distinct

Bland or Blann families are in Dallas County, it occurs to me that it might be worthwhile to form a consortium to sponsor some research there. Anyone who is interested (one has already expressed interest) should let me know.

"REMEMBER KINCHLOE" WELL SORT OF

On the night of February 23, 1985 NBC News did a feature story about Bland and Son of Bethany Illinois, whose John-Deere Farm Implement business was being auctioned away. The story, brief as it was, had to do with three generations of Blands who had maintained the business since 1940. It was begun by Flavie Harold Bland and his wife Irma, passed on to C.L. Bland (in a subsequent letter, Mr. Bland told me "an aunt named me C.L. when I was born and it stuck. No one knows my given name." C.L.'s son Charlie had counted on the business passing to him, but it was not to be. Inasmuch as I have promised a favorite correspondent that I will say no more about President Reagan I will remain silent and recommend to you the movie "Country" which more or less gives a good flavor of the justice in all this.

Cousin Jane Midtby contacted C.L. Bland, who in April sent me a nice letter telling me about his family background. He referred me to Beulah Bland Lumsden, his aunt from Mendota Illinois, who had a clear idea of when it all began. Between Mr. Bland and Mrs. Lumsden, I gathered the following;

There once was a half-blood Cherokee Indian named Margaret Lane. Along about 1811 in Shelby County Ohio she met up with a man named Bland. In the natural course of events, nine months later she gave birth to John Bland, who was born February 14, 1812. I suppose if he were a grandson of Osborne and Lettice Bland he might have whooped "Remember Kinchloe!" John Bland died on April 17, 1864. He married Lovina Armstrong from, Mrs. Lumsden thinks, Shelbyville Kentucky, on November 24, 1836. Lovina was born October 18, 1816 and died May 24, 1898. John Bland and Lovina Armstrong were in Shelby County until 1850, when just after the census was taken, they moved to Peoria Illinois. John was a farmer who owned 157 acres of land when he died. He and Lovina are buried at the Lasalle Cemetery in Peoria. John and Lovina had eleven children including: Margaret, William, Ellen, John Jr., Rachel Ann, Henry, Lottie, Jane, David, Nelson, and Pauline. The second born child, William, had nine children including Esther, William, Henry, John Edward, Albert Elmer, Jennie C., Lou Lovina, Charles Lester (possibly C.L.'s

namesake), Laura and Viola. Charles Lester was the grandfather of C.L. Bland. Charles Lester had seven children, Flavie Harold, C.L.'s father, Arthur, Lewis, Mabel Crystal, Beulah Everille, Pearl Mae, Lester Hicks and Violet Opal. According to C.L. Bland, his great grandfather William Bland served in the Civil War and was wounded in combat in Georgia (C.L. Bland has the bullet). Mrs. Lumsden who is listed among the subscribers is interested in hearing from any one with further information about the origins of Margaret Lane of the man named Bland who was the father of John Bland (1812-1864). This is a new line.

#### DAR TRIBUTE TO LENORE BLAND BROWN

Mrs. Earl D. Brown, known to me as Lenore Eva Bland Brown and great granddaughter of James Otis Daniel Bland (1824-1908) and Mary Gentry (1839- ), who has been an energetic supporter and genealogist of the Bland family, (she "fell in love with American history" as a grade school student), was honored February 21 and March 23, 1985 by the Mary Isham Keith Chapter of the DAR in Fort Worth Texas, as the Texas Outstanding American History Teacher. The Award recognizes teachers in grades 5-12 who have performed outstanding service in fostering a deeper appreciation of American history in students. Mrs. Brown's approach has been to teach history through genealogy. Congratulations Lenore. Lenore's parents John Herbert Bland and his wife Daisy Vida Smith (AC 1-1, p. 5) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary August 12, 1984. John was 81 at the time. Congratulations to John and Daisy also.

#### LIBRARY DONATIONS

Since the last number of the newsletter was published, the following Library Placements have occurred: Al and Mildred Hunter of State College Pennsylvania placed a copy of the book at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis. Additionally, the book was purchased by the Earl Gregg Swem Library of William and Mary College in Virginia and the Fairfax County Virginia Public Library, Springfield Virginia. Copies of the book were purchased for libraries in England and Massachusetts by two book jobbers. Identification of the libraries has not yet been established. Remember that library donations are tax deductible. Effective with the October publication of the book, I will donate free of charge, current issues of "Among Cousins" in libraries which purchase copies of the book or have copies placed by interested patrons. I am still very interested in placing a copy of A Vision of Unity



at the Library of Maryland History, making it eligible for the Sumner A. Parker Genealogical Contest. I would be glad to discuss these matters with anyone who is interested.

#### INDEXES

Beginning with the book orders filled in June 1985, A Vision of Unity is indexed. Volumes I and II of "Among Cousins" have been indexed. An Index for "Among Cousins" Volume III will be appended to Volume IV, Number 1.

#### THE JAMES RIVER BLANDS

##### Going Way, Way Back (Truth or Consequences)

Her name is Martha Childs and she is from the colorful town of Truth or Consequences New Mexico. Her lineage presents an issue I haven't faced before. She descends from John Bland "The Grocer" (1572-1632) and Susan Deblere (1590-1664) of England, though not through their son Theodorick (1629-1671). So is she properly speaking of the James River family? No, not really. Martha Childs descends from Susannah Bland (VU, p. 55) born in 1609, second child and daughter of John Bland and Susan Deblere. Traditionally it is thought that Susannah Bland and her husband Thomas Pearson, had a son Thomas Pearson, who was probably the father of Mrs. Child's far back ancestor, Priscilla Pearson, who married Gabriel Adams Sr. (C1690-1750) about 1710. I was surprised, but very delighted to have made this new contact and welcome Mrs. Childs to our society of cousins.

##### Children of Richard Bland (1710-1776)

I have heard from a beginning genealogist, Mary L. McCain Smart, who descends from Richard Bland (1710-1776) and Anne Pothyress (1712-1758) through their daughter Sarah (VU, p. 165) whom Mrs. Smart says was born September 30, 1750 and died May 13, 1807, and is buried at Whitby Virginia. She married Robert Goode, June 18, 1768. They had a family of eight children including Robert (1769-1788); Richard B. (1770-1812); Francis (1773-1814); Theodorick (1774-1800); Mary (1776-1847); Martha C. (1787-1814); Thomas (1789-1810) and Sarah (1779-1816), who married thrice, to James Lyle, Tarlton Saunders and Obadiah Cornwell. It is through Sarah's marriage to Cornwell that Mrs. Smart descends.

In January I obtained from the Alderman Library, University of Virginia, copies of the original genealogy of

the Blands from Charles Campbell's The Bland Papers (1843) pp. 145-149. The papers are transcribed correctly in Campbell, except for the following paragraph about Richard Bland (1730-1776, VU, pp. 161-162) and his wife Mary Bolling. Richard Bland, eldest son of the above Richard, married Susannah Pothyress, daughter of Capt. Peter Pothyress, December 17, 1787, by whom he had Mary Burton Bolling Bland, born October 22nd, 1788, and died at four months, and Elizabeth Bland, born August 20, 1790 and died the 17th of October. Ann Pothyress Bland, born the 27th of November 1791 and died June 22, 1806. Richard Bland, eldest son of the said Richard and Susannah Bland born December 21, 1793, Sarah Tazewell Bland, born March 2, 1796, John Bolling Bland, born July --- 1798, Peter Pothyress Bland, born December 8, 1800; Mary Bolling Bland, born October 16, 1802; Theodorick Bland born September 24th, 1804.

The extended information is about descendants of Richard Bland (1762-1806), son of Richard Bland (1730-1776), who also in addition had Anne Pothyress Bland, a son John Bolling Bland (1867-1877) and a daughter Eliza Blair Bland born May 29, 1770.

#### TOO MANY JOHNS

The above immediately raises a number of issues related to John Bland's that cannot be located. An isolated letter was sent to me for example, indicating that the above Richard Bland (1730-1776) had in addition to the above children, Peter, Mary, William, Theodorick, Edward, Sarah, Susan and Lucy, as well as John (1761-1827). This would not appear possible, given the marriage date of October 8, 1761 for Richard Bland and his wife Mary Bolling. Also it is unlikely that they would have named two sons John.<sup>1</sup> The writer in this case seems to have interlarded the names of the children of Richard (1730-1776) with those of his father Richard Bland (1710-1776), and hope for the best.

Now, there are in the various secondary accounts of Revolutionary Soldiers, two John Blands in Virginia including one from Amelia or Lunenburg County (derivative of Prince George Virginia) and another from King and Queen County Virginia.<sup>2</sup> As will be noted, there is at least a third claim for service by John Bland accepted by DAR (see page ) which may not be valid.

1. Copy of letter, Bertha McKinney Dewitt to Robert Linn Bland, June 7, 1928. The critical figure in this letter is William Bland (1817-1875) whose family will be discussed in Missing Links, (pp. )

2. Beverly Fleet, Vol. 5, p. 11. For subsequent discussion about John Bland (c. 1760-1846) see pgs. 21-22.

In the last two numbers of the newsletter, I have taken considerable interest in an attempt by the Reverend L.P. Bland of Wakefield Virginia to link together John Bland (C1770-1842) who married Sarah Lee, to John Bland (1739- ) affirmed son of Richard Bland (1710-1776), (AC2-2, pp. 24-26 and 3-1, pp. 8-9). L.P. Bland's assumption rested on four premises: (1) his grandfather Zachariah certifiably was found in the 1860 census of Gloucester County Virginia, married to Delilah Didlake with a family that included L.P. Bland's father Linnius Payne Bland (Didlake is a family name that I have previously noted in a Bland connection only in King and Queen County Virginia); (2) The only formal family information that included a Zachariah Bland was a group sheet prepared by William Marion Ewell, whose ancestral grandmother Mary Bland Ewell had a brother named Zachariah and a father named John whose approximate dates were 1770-1842; (3) L.P. Bland produced considerable documentation to demonstrate that there was a mature, property-owning John Bland in Prince George County in the late 1700's thus he made the following juxtaposition: Richard Bland (1710-1776) to John Bland (1739-C1794) to John Bland (C1770-1842) who had a son Zachariah, L.P. Bland's affirmed paternal grandfather; (4) There was a story concocted by the above Mary Bland Ewell that appeared to validate certain portions of L.P. Bland's scheme.

One flaw in all this reasoning was the fact that while L.P. Bland showed Delilah Didlake as Zachariah Bland's wife per the 1860 census, William Marion Ewell showed Zachariah married to one Keziah Ogle. L.P. Bland reasoned that perhaps Keziah was a first wife.

Now comes Mrs. Ralph Ruby Blann, from Lawrence Kansas, with detailed information about the John Bland-Sarah Lee family which may suggest a reconsideration of the issues. Interpolations from all the evidence are as follows:

John Bland, the head of this family is shown as 60-70 in both the 1830-1840 censuses suggesting that he was born in 1770. His last recorded paper transaction was a gift of a horse to a grandson John Pleasant Ewell, November 2, 1842. Thus it is reasonable to assign dates for John of 1770-1842. There is no definite information about John's connections further back, but I have one suggestion: he may be the minor child of Benjamin and Mary Bland (VU pp 404-405) called "Jackey" in his mother's will, who is said to have married a woman named Hannah Randle in 1788, Fauquier Co. Virginia. Actually his son married Hannah Runnel or Runnell (see below).

Actually this assertion needs a qualifier, Edith Lanning says John Bland became betrothed to Hannah Randle on December

1, 1788 and posted a bond to marry her. Then John or Hannah or both backed out. The marriage was off and Hannah married Benjamin McBee January 28, 1789 (no long rebounds in those days).

William Marion Ewell indicated that John married Sarah C. Lee, daughter of Purmit Lee Sr. Mrs. Blann's information nowhere names the wife of John Bland, but Mary Lee Bland Ewell (close proximity of this family to Purmit Lee substantiates Sarah was a Lee) indicated that her daughter Sarah Elizabeth was named after "dear mama". Mrs. Blann showed that Sarah was 60-70 in the 1830 census of Ray County Missouri and that she did not appear in the 1840 census. Mary Lee Blann Ewell's story would appear to confirm dates of C1770-1840 for Sarah. (she died after her daughter Mary, married in 1834, had borne three children). The 1850 census showed their oldest child aged 50 in 1850, John and Sarah were married about 1799. Sarah may have been widowed when she married John. At any rate, from this point, I will construct known information about their family from the structure provided by William Marion Ewell (WME) as fleshed out by Mrs. Ralph Blann, (RB).

1. Abraham Bland<sup>1</sup> - The 1850 Census for Livingston County Missouri, Monroe Township, shows "Abram" Blan, aged 50, born in Virginia, married to Hannah, age 37, born in Tennessee. Their marriage occurred on January 31, 1833 in Ray County Missouri, and Hannah, who was called Randles by WME appears to be Hannah Runnels<sup>2</sup> in the original marriage certificate. Their children are as follows:

A. John W. Blann is shown as age 17 in 1850, 27 in 1860. This person is not to be confused with another John W. Blann, Ralph Blann's ancestral grandfather who was the son of Abraham's brother Permit or probably more accurately Purmit.

B. Jasper N. Blann, born in Missouri in 1836.

C. Martha L. Blann born in Missouri about 1838, married William Russell December 8, 1853. They were still living with Abraham and Hannah as of 1860.

D. Permit Blann, born about 1839 in Missouri.

E. Abram Blann, born about 1841 in Missouri.

F. William Blann, born about 1844 in Missouri.

G. Hannah Blann, born about 1846 in Missouri, does

1. The evidence is fairly strong that the family originated in Virginia where Abraham was born, but that soon after it moved to Tennessee, Kentucky and thence to Ray County, Missouri. The operative Missouri counties; Ray, formed from Howard in 1820, Carroll formed from Ray in 1833 and Livingston formed from Carroll in 1837.

2. Runnels may have been a recorder's transposition of Randle.

not reappear with Abraham and Hannah in 1860.

H. Thomas Blann, shown four months old in 1850 but 13 in 1860, probably born 1849/1850 in Missouri.

I. Sarah Blann, born about 1849 in Missouri.

J. and K. Rebecca age 3 in 1860 and Jasper, age 2, could be younger children of Hannah Runnels or children of Martha Bland and William Russell.

2. Purmit Blann (variously Permit) was born in Tennessee about 1804. He died November 15, 1861. WME lists his wife as Elizabeth Randles, but the marriage certificate fairly clearly spells her name as Reynolds. In the 1850 census of Monroe, Livingston County Missouri, Purmit and Elizabeth are listed as 46 and 37 respectively. They were married in Ray County, July 2, 1831. Their family was as follows:

A. John W. Blann, whose tombstone at Collar Cemetery, Dawn Missouri, shows his dates as April 2, 1832 to November 17, 1878. He married Mary Jane Gill, born in Ohio, in Livingston County on April 21, 1850. Mary Jane's dates are January 8, 1834 to March 14, 1874. Their children were:

- (1) James Blann, born in Missouri, about 1851.
- (2) Robert Blann, born in Missouri about 1854, died in 1922.
- (3) John Blann, born in Missouri about 1856, died in 1928.
- (4) Isaac Blann, born in Missouri about 1858.
- (5) Jacob Blann, born in Missouri about 1860, died April 2, 1874.
- (6) Richard Blann, born in Missouri about 1862.
- (7) Zachariah Blann, August 1865 to December 14, 1898 who married Mary Alice Lewis (October 24, 1871 to May 30, 1939) on October 21, 1886. One of their children, Ira Blann, married Grace Furr in Caldwell County Missouri on December 3, 1908. Ira and Grace were the parents of Ralph Blann, husband of My correspondent Ruby Blann.

(8) Sarah E. Blann, born in Missouri about 1869.

A wedding photograph of Zachariah Blann (1865-1898) and Mary Alice Lewis (1871-1939) (2A7 above) is displayed below.



Courtesy of Ralph and Ruby Blann

B. Mary J. Blann, September 23, 1834 to July 3, 1869, born in Missouri, married Joseph Gill (1827-1899) Civil War Veteran, on June 3, 1852.

C. Zachariah Blann, born about 1835 in Missouri, must have died between 1864-1870, when his wife Isabell Gill is listed as head of household. Isabell's tombstone shows her dates are April 6, 1826 to July 8, 1888. The 1870 census shows the following children of Isabell and Zachariah:

- (1) Sarah E. Blann, born about 1853 in Missouri.
- (2) & (3) Mary S. Blann and Martha M. Blann, both

born about 1855.

- (4) Melissa, born about 1857.
- (5) Lucy Jane, born about 1859.
- (6) Matilda, born about 1861.
- (7) Isabell, born about 1864.

Isabell may have been a widow to a man named Johnson, for in 1860, Zachariah's household included the following Johnson children: Isaac 7; George 6; Amanda 4; Nancy 2; and Douglas 1.

D. Martha A. Blann, born about 1836 in Missouri. Martha married Owen Petty July 29, 1858.

E. Sarah Blann, born in Missouri about 1837, married Thomas Bryan April 7, 1862. She died by January 14, 1868.

F. Abraham Blann, born in Missouri about 1839.

G. Isaac Blann, born in Missouri about 1841.

H. Jacob Blann, born in Missouri about October 1844, died May 2, 1872. He married Mary Porter February 11, 1866.

I. Nancy E. Blann, born in Missouri about 1847, married David R. Johnson, February 1, 1866.

J. Catherine Blann, born in Missouri about 1848.

Purmit's will showed three additional children, sons: Thomas age 12, Charles age 10, and Purmit age 9. There is also an Emmaline, who may be yet another daughter or the same as Nancy E. shown above.

3. Zachariah Bland shown by WME to be born C. 1807, is shown as aged 33 in the 1850 census and 46 in the 1860 census. He was born in Tennessee probably about 1814, since the family moved into Kentucky sometime between 1815-1817. The date of his death is uncertain. He married Keziah Ogles (WME) or according to the Livingston County Marriage certificate O'Gill or possibly just Gill, October 22, 1837. Keziah was born in 1821-1822 in Tennessee. All their children were born in Missouri.

- A. Wiatt Blann, March 22, 1838 to July 18, 1861.
- B. Julia Ann, born about 1841.
- C. John, born about 1843.
- D. William, born about 1845-1846.
- E. Mary E. or C. born about 1849.
- F. Laura, born about 1852.
- G. P. (possibly Purmit) G. born about 1853.

It is important to note that L.P. Bland's grandparents, Zachariah Bland and Delilah Didlake in 1860 were residents of Gloucester County Virginia and had a family that included Priscilla, James Royston, William Claiborne, Mary, Joshua Thomas and Linius Payne Bland, father of the Reverend L.P. Bland. Thus the two Zachariah's appear to be irreconcilable unless, as we shall see, Zachariah who married Keziah O'Gill and was at least sympathetic to Mormonism (he gave aid and comfort to his sister when she married a Mormon), was himself of that faith and kept two wives. In that case he might plausibly, though stretching it a bit (no pun intended) have been married to two women and had two families. My hunch is the truth lies elsewhere.

Ruby Blann does not challenge WME's listed dates of James Bland, (1809-1811) or the dates of several daughters of John Bland and Sarah Lee. Elizabeth Bland, listed by WME as being born in 1813 apparently did not marry, for as late as 1845, "Elizabeth Blan" is shown deeding horses, other domestic animals and some property to her nephews and nieces, Francis Morrison Ewell, John Pleasant Ewell, Sarah Elizabeth Ewell and Barbara Ann Ewell, all children of Mary Lee Bland and her husband William Fletcher Ewell (1815-1848), who were married in Carroll County Missouri November 30, 1834.

RB indicates her belief that Mary Lee Bland Ewell (AC 2-2, pp. 25-26) gussied up her story just a bit to conceal the kind of grinding poverty her family faced. Thus it would not appear logical that this family descended from the James River Blands, whose descendants would still have been better off than total impoverishment in the first half of the 19th Century. RB does, however, disclose facts that give a fair validity to the balance of Mary's story. Mary is never too clear about places and dates, but it does appear that she was born in Kentucky and



went to Missouri with her family, where she met and married William Fletcher Ewell. Mary acknowledged that her first child was born "while we were in Missouri with the Dr.'s family on vacation." (Oh my Lord!). That was probably about 1835. In Mary's story there were three sons, none named, and two daughters, Sarah Elizabeth and Barbara Ann. A sixth child was born after Ewell died. Just before the birth of their last child, William Ewell went off to fight in the Mexican American war and was killed in 1848, whereupon Mary, having been disinherited and driven out by her father made her way eventually to Salt Lake City to be with the Saints. Her dates were 1817-1898.

A history of Livingston County provided by Mrs. Blann shows some congruence in Mary's story in that there was an outbreak of "Bloody war" (RB's description) between Mormons and Gentiles in 1838. The Blands and Ewells would certainly have been torn by this war, and it would not have been unusual for Mary to come down on the side of her husband, a Mormon, thus getting disavowed by her father, John Bland. The county was also struck hard by the Depression of 1838, and there is another entry showing Ewell's part in a nine man consortium to borrow up \$603.00 at ten percent, for construction of roads and bridges.

The above information greatly enhances our knowledge of this particular line, though it straightens our path a bit when we know that now there is yet another John Bland, whose life spans the 18th and 19th centuries, and whose parentage we have yet to discover.

#### THE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY VIRGINIA BLANDS

Those who are in search of ancestors they cannot find could do worse than probe into the numerous unresearched Bland names in King and Queen Virginia, formed from New Kent County in 1691. This family has been noted several times previously (VU pp. 392-396; AC 1-1 P. 14; 1-2 Pp. 26-27 and 2-1 pp. 19-22). My interest in this line was renewed by correspondence from one Bland Williamson of Tulsa Oklahoma, whom I discovered descends through the line. Also, the early correspondence of Linneous Preston Bland suggested a connection between his family and the Blands of King and Queen County. Finally, during January 1985 I received from the Alderman Library,

University of Virginia, "The Lineage of Joseph Chapman" and, courtesy of Linneous Preston Bland and William C. Haynes of Richmond Virginia, documents from the Virginia State Library, "Bland Family Bible Records, 1817-1971" all dealing with King and Queen Virginia. After reviewing all these materials, I made up a summary and sent it to correspondents I have known in the past. From these inquiries came from Carol Adams of Charleston South Carolina very detailed information about John Bland (C1760-1846) and his descendants. From all this, I offer the following reconsideration of this family:

Malcolm Hart Harris in his History of Old New Kent County asserts that there was a John Bland in the county in 1699, followed by Henry in 1704. Another interesting piece of information is a letter from Elizabeth Moore of Denver Colorado, whose ancestor Elizabeth Bland Ballard was from Spotsylvania County (derived in 1720 in part from King and Queen) and had a son born in 1715, which would place her own birth late in the 17th century, (see discussion in Missing Links pp. ). The point of departure for discussion of this family, however, must remain William Bland, C1725 and who was last noted on the county tax rolls in 1783. William's wife is unknown but from the various information available, I estimate that he had the following children:

- (1) William (C1746-1788);
- (2) Thomas (C1748-1807);
- (3) James (C1750- );
- (4) Christopher (C1752-after 1783);
- (5) & (6) Henry and Richard;
- (7) John (C1760-1846, a supposition to be described later) and two daughters, Elizabeth and Ann (AC 2-1, p. 20).

William, Thomas, James, Christopher, John and Henry are reported by Beverly Fleet to have served in the American Revolution. Numerous DAR memberships have been sponsored through this line. Nothing more is known of Henry and Richard. James was described by his widow's petition (VU pp. 394-395) and nothing more is known of him. Christopher was a young man who never married. Nothing is known of the daughters. What is now known rests with the descendants of William, Thomas and John.

Their father William (C1725-1783) is the preface and they are the story:

1. William (C1746-1788). The 1783 tax list shows William with one white tithe, one black tithe and a total of five white souls. From this list, it would appear that William was married to a woman named Mary with children named Robert, William, Molly and Mary. After the 1783 tax list, a child Lucy was born to William and Mary Ann. William's wife was Mary Ann Drummond.

Of these children, further information is known about Robert Bland (C1770-1845) who married Mary Waller. Information about their descendants have been previously provided, (VU P. 395 and AC 2-1, P. 20). "The Lineage of Joseph Chapman" noted above provides further information about the line of William Bland (C1771-after 1826), who married Mary Ann or Susan Carr. on February 20, 1792, in King and Queen County. William and Mary Ann appear to have had the following children:

A. William Archibald ("Archie" or "Archer" Born about 1800, still living in 1860) William Archibald Bland was a minister and planter in Middlesex and Gloucester Counties. He married a cousin, Mary "Polly" Chapman, daughter of Henry Van Buren Chapman and Ann Bland (AC 1-1, p. 14). They were married about 1830, and their children were as follows:

- (1) Mary Susan Bland (January 15, 1825-December 14, 1876) married on July 3, 1849, William Pendleton Roane.
- (2) Louisa Bland (June 12, 1828 to October 6, 1888) married John Lewis Johnston.
- (3) Robert Tyler Bland (January 20, 1831 to January 25, 1898) who married a first cousin Mary Frances Bland, (1835- ), daughter of his father's brother Absalom and Juliza (quick now, what does that make Robert, to Mary Frances) and second, Mary's sister Juliza Ann Bland (1848-1912). By Juliza, Robert Tyler had (a) Mary Bland, who married John Ramsey; (b) Robert F. Bland who married Louise Lambreth and had four children, Tyler, Ethel, Marjorie and Alvah.; (c) Schuller (Schuyler) who married Annie \_\_\_\_\_ and had Pearce, Ruth, Julia, Mary Louise, Clarence, Virginia, Peter and Blanche; (d) Hurvener (or

Hartman) Bland who married Louise Hall and had a son Clayton; (e) Elmore Chase Bland, who married Evie Reed and had Perry, Hilton, Eunice and Archie; Daughter (f) Kate and son (g) Clayton who died young.

- (4) Schuyler Otis Bland (C1834-died about 1875), married Olivia James Anderson of Mecklenburg County Virginia. Their children were (a) The Honorable (perhaps born that way) Schuyler Otis Bland (1872-1951), who married Mary Crawford Putzel but had no children by her; (b) Lola Belle Bland who did not marry and ; (c) Otelia Bland, who married James H. Martin.
- (5) Emily Bland, (C1836- ), married Michael Scanlan.
- (6) Laura Bland, (1837-1877) did not marry, lived with her brother Schuyler.
- (7) Julia Ann Bland (1839- ) married first Richard Leigh and second in 1871, Emanuel Jones Stubblefield.

B. The second noted son of William Bland and Mary Ann Carr was Absalom Bland. He married a Clayton woman who died before 1850, when Absalom is shown in the King and Queen Census as aged 45, with (1) daughter Margaret (1832- ) who later married Robert Hartt; (2) Mary Frances (1835- ) who later married Robert Tyler Bland (1831-1898), a cousin noted above (p. A (3) ); (3) Joseph Bland (September 28, 1845 to August 5, 1927) who married a cousin Eliza Bland (July 17, 1853 to May 17, 1919). Joseph and Eliza had children including (a) Bernard; (b) Hunter (c) Annie Maud and (d) Cleveland. (4) Juliza Bland (1848-1912) noted above, who married Robert Tyler Bland (1831-1898) after the death of her sister Mary.

C. Elliott Bland.

D. Ira Bland.

E. & F. Bertie and Amanda Bland, both married Masons.

It is probable that William Bland had a second wife by whom he bore children at least up through 1826:

G. Pascal or Paschal Bland (or Parker) in the 1850 census is noted as aged 33. He married Eliza Brooks or Brookings (1815- ) about 1843. They had a family that included (1) Jack or Joel (1844- ) who married Maria Roane, by whom he had (a) Russell; (b) Samuel Bland who married Louise Gale and had Virginia, Louise and Harvey; (c) Elvira, who married a Bray and Spencer; (d) Annie, who married a Brooks and (e) Virginia, who married a Williamson.

H. William "Hickory" Bland, who was born about 1820 and was still living in 1860. He married first a Vaughn and second a Spencer. In 1860, he is shown married to Caroline, whether Vaughn or Spencer is uncertain. Children listed in 1860 were by Vaughn:

- (1) John Henry Bland (1845- ) who married Columbia and had children (a) Homer; (b) Nancy; (c) Carrie; and (d) Lelia.
- (2) Walter (1848- ) who died young;
- (3) Mary Elizabeth (1849- ) who married Whitfield Roane;
- (4) Eliza (1853-1919) who married her cousin Joseph Bland (1845-1927), see above, (P. 18, B. (3) ).
- (5) Lucy Bland (1848- ) who married E.M. "Buck" Roane and;
- (6) Margaret, a half sister by Spencer who married Thornton.
- (7) William J. Bland (1856- ).

I. Valinda Bland (C1826- ) who married Henry Brooking (C1821- ) about 1845. They had a family of six children including William, Miles, Julia, Maria, George and Mildred, ancestral grandmother of my correspondent Bland Williamson of Tulsa Oklahoma.

One additional Bland needs to be mentioned because similar cousin intermarriages suggest he may be a child of William Bland and Mary Ann Drummond. He is Thomas Jefferson Bland (C1805- ) who married Mildred Chapman, daughter of Henry Van Buren Chapman and Ann Bland and younger sister of Mary Chapman who married William Archibald Bland.

Thomas Jefferson Bland and Mildred Chapman must have married about 1832, for their first child is shown as Julian A.E. Bland (1833- ) who married a Sears and was gone from the household by 1850, as was Mildred Chapman. There were also two sons, John Edward "Ned" Bland (1839- ) who married Margaret Bun Roane (1845- ) and had a daughter Cora (1867- ); and James Harry C. Bland (1846-1924) who married Sarah Hester Rowe (1853-1920).

2. Thomas Bland (C1748-1807); Thomas' dates have been fixed and refined previously. The 1783 tax list fairly well defines his family. He was in 1783 married to a woman named Amy. His children were shown as:

- A. Thomas Bland, (C1771-1814) who married Sarah Waller, February 19, 1791.
- B. Ann Bland (C1770-1825) who married Henry Van Buren Chapman, and her daughters Mary and Mildred married sons of Thomas' nephew William.
- C. Elizabeth Bland married George Bowden and Roger Palmer.
- D. Graves Bland, nothing more is known of Graves.
- E. Sarah Bland, married a Didlake.
- F. John Bland (C1778-1827). The name of his wife was uncertain, but he had three children:
  - (1) Julia Todd Bland (1810-1885) described previously (AC 2-1, p. 22).
  - (2) Cary Todd Bland (October 11, 1817-September 11, 1853) who married Maria H. Mouring, August 8, 1846. Their children were: (a) John H. Bland (1847-1881); (b) William Cary Bland (October 18, 1849 to October 17, 1891) who married Sarah Ann Thomas (1853-1911) on March 18, 1872. Their children were Maria Maude Bland (1874-1948); Martha Taliaferro Bland (1876-1950); Henry Todd Bland (1878-1928); James Christian Bland (1879-1970) Susan Claudia Bland (1882-1940); William Cary Bland (1883-1971) and Paul Dunaway Bland (September 1 to September 4, 1885).

- (3) John B. Bland (1810-living in 1850) married first an unknown lady and second, Mary \_\_\_\_\_. In 1850, John B. Bland was the father of John Thomas (1834-\_\_\_\_\_); Robert Bland (1838-\_\_\_\_\_) and Aramentia (1849-\_\_\_\_\_).
- (4) Claiborne (1820-\_\_\_\_\_) was living in 1850, married to Harriet Z. \_\_\_\_\_ (1827-\_\_\_\_\_) with one son James P. (1843-\_\_\_\_\_).<sup>1</sup>

3. John Bland (C1760-1846): I am very grateful to Carol Adams of Charleston S.C. for the light she has shed on the life of John Bland. Other sources refer to John as living from 1777-1846. Mrs. Adams, however, points out that a discharge roster from Revolutionary service for Nathaniel Welsh's Company, 2nd Virginia Regiment, made up primarily of soldiers from Gloucester and King and Queen County shows a John Bland, age 20 in 1780. That would put John's birth at around 1760. It has been difficult to place John heretofore, but no one has thought that he might be a younger son of William Bland senior (1725-1783). I hasten to add that I do not have proof but the inherent logic compels me to list him that way.

In the 1783 tax roster, a John Bland is shown living with Susannah and a daughter Elizabeth. This may be an earlier marriage, for John evidently married Mary Frances Drummond about 1804. In his will, dated 1846, John Bland mentioned three children including Roderick (January 13, 1805 to May 13, 1872), Fanny Bland who married John Marshall Taylor and Nancy Todd Bland (1830-1871) who married Richard Barnes Lawson November 2, 1848 (they were the great, great grandparents of Carol Ann Smith Adams. Bagby also shows James Redwood and Muire Bland both of whom married Allbright women. Nothing more is known of them. A sixth possible child, Drummond, died young.

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1. This last family of Claiborne Bland has caused me to recur to Alfred Bagby's King and Queen County Virginia (1908) P. 325, which cites as of the "seventh" branch of Blands, a Zachary Bland evidently with sons Claiborne and Thomas. Now, per information supplied me in April 1984 by the Reverend L.P. Bland, his grandfather Zachariah Bland had in the 1860 census, six children, including William Claiborne and Joshua Thomas (all children named above, p. 14). Reverend Bland cited property connections by Zachariah in King and Queen, Gloucester County, but has shied away from concluding that there is a family connection.

Of the above, Fanny Bland who married Taylor, died in 1884, so her dates are 1810-1884.

Of the son Roderick (1805-1872) it may be said that the most striking thing about him is his tombstone, an imposing edifice at Shackelford Chapel in King and Queen, in which Roderick is sandwiched snugly between his two wives, Julia A. Clayton, (1809-1840) and Frances C. Goulder (1820-1872). Roderick must have married Julia Clayton about 1826. His children by her, as enumerated on her side of the great edifice were, (1) Robert W. Bland (1827-1833); (2) W.A. Bland (1829-1832); (3) "Frances Puss" Bland (1831-1913) who married \_\_\_\_\_ Roane; (4) Roderick "Buck" Bland (1833-1893) who married Ann B. Carr. He had six children; (5) Emiline Bland (1835-1926) who married \_\_\_\_\_ Sears.<sup>1</sup> (6) Washington Bland (1837-1840); (7) John William Bland (1839-1915) who married Margaret Goulder.

By his second wife, Frances Goulder, Roderick Bland had the following children:

- (1) Ellen J. Bland (1842-1872) who married \_\_\_\_\_ Roane.
- (2) James T. Bland (see p. Note ) (1844-1915) married Ann Winn Irby.
- (3) George C. Bland (1849-1938) married \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson.
- (4) Nannie F. Bland (1851-1938) married \_\_\_\_\_ Leigh.
- (5) Ada B. Bland (1855-1939) married \_\_\_\_\_ Marston.
- (6) Richmond Bland (1859-1949) married Clemmie Belle Anderson;
- (7) Etta Bland (1859-1947) married \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson.
- (8) Jefferson D. Bland (1861-1884).
- (9) Joseph L. Bland (1866-1966) married Frances Courtney.

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1. There is in the 1850 census for King & Queen County an Emiline Bland (1771- ) living with Martha Ann Bland (1846- ) and James Theodore (1848- ).



## THE BLANDS OF PENDLETON VIRGINIA/WEST VIRGINIA

Edith Lanning wrote to me after the last number was published telling me that contrary to my assertion about Thomas Bland (AC 3-1, p. 26) she did too accept both Thomas and John Bland, residents of Pendleton County who seemed to have no particular place (AC 2-2, pp. 14-23, esp. 22-23) when I surveyed that family in Spring 1984. That will probably definitively negate any assumption that Thomas & John belong to the Randolph County N.C. clan. In her last letter, Edith indicated that new information has led her to many revisions in the family of Henry Bland (1770-1853) son of Thomas Bland (C1740-1826), which follow:

Henry Bland married twice, first to Margaret Weirich and second, about 1813, to Mary Dolly (C1796-1870). By Margaret Weirich, Henry had:

1. John Bland (January 15, 1791 to November 25, 1864, see AC 2-2, p. 23). John married twice (1) Nancy Bland on April 19, 1814. Nancy was born in Pendleton County December 6, 1792. (2) John married the widow Mary Pancoast on February 8, 1855. She died April 11, 1897. As noted in the earlier number, John was a veteran of the War of 1812. John had the following children by his first wife Nancy Bland:

A. Dueueine Bland (April 9, 1815 to June 24, 1882), married (1) Julia Ann Brundage ( - 9 February 1855), on March 3, 1840 and (2) Margaret Bibler Harmon on March 27, 1856. By his first wife Julia, Dueueine had:

(1) Nancy Jane Bland (March 22, 1843 - ).

(2) Mary A.. Bland (February 28, 1845 - ).

(3) John Bland (1845- )

(4) Caleb S. Bland (February 1, 1847 - May 10, 1910) Caleb was born in Wyandot County Ohio and is buried in Wharton Cemetery Ohio. He married an Ohio girl, Mary Ann Mose on June 6, 1868. Caleb and Mary Ann had fourteen children including (a) Mary (1869- ); (b) Cora Belle (1870- ); (c) Ida May (1871- ); (d) Emma Jane (1873- ); (e) Elnora (1875- ); (f) Essa (1877- ); (g) Wayne (Davis) (1878- ); (h) Caleb Tate (1880-1952) who married Alice Decker in Cleveland Ohio in 1901; (i) Margaret (1882- ); (j) Charles (1884- ); (k) Susie (1886- ); (l) Elvania (1888- ); (m) Clara L. (1889- ); and (n) Carrie (1890- ).

(5) Julia A. Bland (February 23, 1850- )

(6) Silas Bland (February 27, 1851- )

(7) Duewaine Bland (August 17, 1854- )

Julia Brundage gave up the fight after her seventh child was born. By Margaret B. Harmon, Duewaine Bland (1815-1882) had

(8) James Madison Bland (January 1, 1857- )

(9) Frances Alma Bland (December 15, 1857- )

(10) Henry Zane Bland (June 30, 1860- )

(11) George Harvey Bland (June 15, 1863- )

(12) Harriet Ellen Bland (March 30, 1866- )

(13) Virginia Mae Bland (November 1, 1872- )

(14) Atta Ann Bland (1873- ).

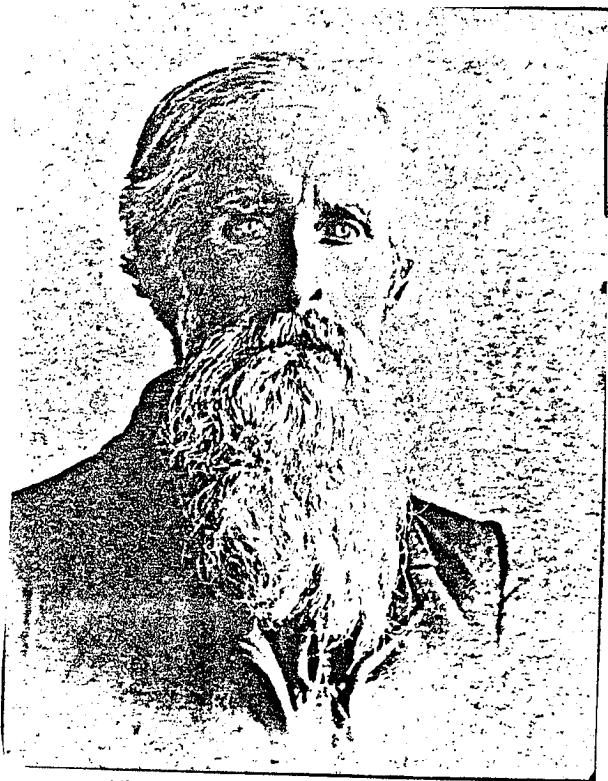
B. William Bland, (November 10, 1819 to February 2, 1862), second child of John and Nancy Bland, married Rhoda Spitler (C1826- ). William and Rhoda had a single son, George M. (perhaps McSwain) Bland born about 1849.

C. Mary Ann Bland (May 19, 1822- ). Her family bible from which much of Edith Lannings new information is derived, is on display at the Miswauka Indiana Museum. Mary married in Indiana, to whom is not certain.

D. Nancy Bland (1824-1853), no record of marriage.

E. Thomas Bland (March 18, 1827 to August 4, 1897) died in Strasburg, Shelby County Illinois, where he was a well off farmer and landowner in 1850, holding 2,000 acres. Thomas married Malinda Stokeley (1831-1907) in Ohio, March 16, 1851. Thomas and Malinda brought their family from upper Sandusky Ohio. Their children were (1) Dwayne; (2) Harry (Henry); (3) Ethel; (4) Edna; (5) Edwin; (6) Franklin D.; (7) Francis D.; (8) Hettie. Mr. Richard Bland of Centralia Illinois indicates there was a son John. (see photos on page 25)

F. John C. Bland (1829-June 3, 1894), married Eliza Brashare.



Thomas Bland  
(1827-1897)



Malinda Stokeley  
(1831-1907)



Left: Duwaine Bland (1867- )  
and Sarah E. Beery. Duwaine and  
Sarah were married November 23,  
1890.

All photos on this page courtesy of  
Richard C. Bland, Centralia Illinois.  
The child standing by Duwaine Bland  
and Sarah Elizabeth Beery is Clayton  
Bland, Richard C. Bland's father.

G. Henry Bland (1832- ) married Hattie Engle. Henry and Hattie had at least one child (1) Thomas Bland (August 26, 1849-October 19, 1932), who married Josephine \_\_\_\_\_ and had by her (a) William August (1876- ) who married Flossie Sours; (b) George Washington (1877- ); (c) Charles Franklin (1879- ); (d) Howard F. (1882- ); (e) Ralph Cyrus (1890- ); (f) Rosco Harry (1892- ); (g) George Dewey (1898- ); (h) Paul (1899- ); (i) Jesse Raymond (1903- );

H. The final child of John and Nancy Bland was Melvina Jane Bland (C1836- ).

John Bland (1791-1814) was the first child of Henry Bland and Margaret Weirich. Their other children were:

2. Thomas Bland (December 1794 - October 6, 1865) (See AC 2-2, P. 22). Thomas married Martha or Patsy Cunningham (these names were often used interchangeably either August 14, 1819 or October 1, 1820. They were married in Pendleton County.
3. Silas Bland (1796 - October 5, 1881).
4. Eli Bland (1797-C1870) cited as Henry's fifth child (AC 2-2, p. 17).
5. Saul (Solomon) Bland (May 23, 1800 to February 18, 1877).
6. Mary A. Bland (1802 - ).
7. Sidney Bland (October 28, 1809-October 18, 1861).
8. Isabel Bland dates uncertain, married David Florin, February 4, 1822.
9. William Bland
- 10-11 Possibly Susannah and Margaret (Morton's history indicated two infants who died soon after birth).

Henry Bland's children by Mary Dolly were:

12. Phoebe Bland (June 1814-still living in 1900).
13. George Washington Bland (April 9, 1818 - March 15, 1889).
14. Henry J. Bland (December 8, 1822-1905) died in San Jose California, (AC 3-1, p. 10, #7).

15. Adam Bland (May 31, 1821- ) a Methodist minister, moved to Pennsylvania after 1850, (CF 3-1, p. 10. #1), Adam married Ellen. He was killed in the Civil War.
16. Zane Bland a Methodist preacher, died in Cumberland Maryland.
17. Duane Bland (died young), but see (AC 2-2, p. 19).
18. Jesse Bland (C1825- ) did not marry.
19. Harvey Bland (July 18, 1827- ).
20. Annis Bland.
21. Asa P. Bland (1832- )
22. Lucinda "Old Luce" Bland (1836-1902).
23. Stuart (Stewart) Bland.
24. James H. Bland, aged 12 or 2 in 1850.

For further information about the children of Henry Bland (1770-1853) and their descendants see (AC 2-2, pp. 16-20 passim).

#### JOSEPH BLAND OF PRINCE WILLIAM/MONTGOMERY COUNTIES VIRGINIA

No one has yet cracked the question of the parents of Joseph Bland (C1763- ) who married Susan Bailey Johnson about 1788 and Eleanor Benton about 1802. Nor is it exactly certain where he originated. From first information about him (VU, pp. 396-397, AC 2-1, p. 9; 2-2 pp. 37-38 and 3-1, pp. 11-13), he was referred to as from Prince William Virginia but the May-June 1985 Genealogical Helper identifies him as from Montgomery County Virginia. I did contact Frank Bland of Lawndale California and his sister Vivian Bland Hansen of Las Vegas Nevada children of Lorenzo Vernetta Bland formerly of Hurricane Utah, who wrote a complete book about this family. Meanwhile, information from Lois Cramer, San Diego California, Lloyd and Ruth Hill, New Martinsville West Virginia and Marge Garey Takoma Park Maryland have provided new information.

In the following analysis I refer to Joseph's sons, Thomas Bland (1790-1874) and David Bland (1792-1874).

Lois Cramer descends from Thomas Bland whose birthdate she cites as 1789, based evidently on a marriage entry that

shows he was 23 in 1812. I still hold to the 1790-1874 dates for Thomas. Lois Cramer's marriage entry shows that Thomas Bland was the son of Eleanor meaning Benton. Other evidence suggests Thomas' mother was Susan Bailey Johnson (perhaps the entry simply meant Eleanor Benton was Thomas' step-mother). This marriage entry evidently corrects the previously assumed birth age for Thomas Bland's and Elizabeth McCullough's daughter Susan, who according to the marriage entry was born in 1830. The entry was about her marriage, in February 1850 to John D. Cooper in Mason County Virginia. Also I transposed a marriage relation between Thomas Bland the elder (AC 2-2, p. 38) and his son Thomas, (C1828-1893). Following Elizabeth McCullough's death, it appears that about 1854, Thomas, the elder, married a second woman, Sarah Devall, and had by her, Francis (1855- ) and Hugh (1859- ). Thomas must have then thought to relax and enjoy the last 15 years he had.

Lois Cramer is concerned with Thomas H. Bland (C1828-December 13, 1893) who was born in Greene County Pennsylvania, and later moved to Courtland Kansas with his family by his wife, Mary Hennen (November 18, 1835 to December 31, 1908), whom he married in 1853 or thereabouts. Children, of this marriage, all born in Greene County Pennsylvania were:

1. Sarah Ellen Bland (December 12, 1854 to March 3, 1910), who married Robert Whitley, in Republic County Kansas March 1, 1886.
2. Elizabeth Bland (February 5, 1859 to January 13, 1907) married Amos Burk of Courtland Kansas March 11, 1906.
3. Harriet Lutecia Bland (June 5, 1860 - May 1931) married Samuel Gibbons Sheeks (1860-1936) on October 26, 1882 at Centerville Iowa. Afterward the family moved to Montana where they are buried. Samuel Sheeks and Harriet L. Bland are the great grandparents of Lois Anne Sheeks Rowe Cramer through their daughter Ollie Belle Sheeks (1889-1959) and Ralph McClellan Sheeks (1912-1984) who used Ollie Belle Sheeks' maiden name. A photo of Harriet Lutecia Bland Sheeks is displayed on the following page:



Harriet Lutecia Bland Sheeks (sitting)  
(1860-1931) - Courtesy Lois Cramer

4. William Alexander Bland (August 28, 1862 to January 3, 1933) married Alice McCrossan April 24, 1890. He was a farmer from Courtland Kansas.
5. George M. or W. Bland (February 2, 1867 to November 13, 1935) died at Columbus, Stillwater Montana. Who he married is uncertain.
6. John E. Bland, dates uncertain, of Billings Montana, married Mary Anna Newcomb. Both buried at Galt California. They had two known children, Myrtle Louise Bland and John E. Bland, Jr.
7. Lucy Bland who married Edd Marty.

Other information confirms the family of David Bland (1792-1874) and his wife, Elizabeth Church (1793-1857).<sup>1</sup> First, I erred in calling David's wife Elizabeth Bailey. Also, Elizabeth, was born February 23, 1793, not 1784. Thus my cautions about her status as an elderly primagravida by 1841, the date of her last child, is not valid. Two other errata from AC 3-1, pp. 12-13. Carolina Edna Bland married Bartrug, not Bartring (p. 12) and Lockwood Bland (p. 13 k) was

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born in 1888, not 1885. I am grateful to Lloyd and Ruth Hill for these changes.

From Marge Garey and from the Hills, I learned that John Bland, the son of Samuel Bland and Mary Dulaney noted (3-1, p. 12) had dates of 1850-1859. Among the children of Oliver Bland and Amanda Archer, the eldest daughter Mary Catherine had dates of 1870-1889. Their daughter Lydia had dates of 1876-1908. Their son Jerry Osborne Bland had dates of 1880-1940 and married first Celina Cumberledge and second Violet Goddard. Dates for their son Lockwood was 1888-1922. Gratta Bland (1890- ) married Raymond Hollen. Verna Virginia Bland died in 1919. An entry in Hennen's Choice, by Dorothy Hennen (1970), from whence Lois Cramer got much of her material, showed further information about Rachel Bland a child of Henry I. Bland (1841-1907) and Perie Ann Renner, Rachel was said to have been born June 10, 1881, near Grantsville West Virginia. She died near Jacksonbourg West Virginia April 26, 1923. Elsewhere, Dorothy Hennen identified an Arthur Bland (parents uncertain) (see page 54) whose son George E. Bland, married to Gladys Ice who was still living in 1968. Their children were Blanch Eleanor Bland, died young, Norma Lee Bland, George Edwin Bland and Robert Charles Bland.

#### JOSEPH BLAND OF DUPLIN COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

Angelia B. Alford of Maben Mississippi has supplied additional information about the descendants of Joseph Bland (C1754-1799) of Duplin County North Carolina and his son Joseph Henry Bland (1785-1862). (AC 2-1, p. 6, 3-1, pp. 16-20 and VU, pp. 282).

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First there was an unresolved question about the ancestral line of Stephen Boyd Bland (1960-1983) the young marine who was killed in Beirut Lebanon October 23, 1983. Angelia writes that Stephen's great grandfather Francis Marion Bland, known per his tombstone as "Frank" was born January 14, 1877 and died January 18, 1942, and is definitely a male. Ok, that settles that one. Several refinements: Catherine Rea Bland, eldest daughter of Joseph Henry Bland (1785-1862) and Mary Ann Rea May, was born, per her tombstone, March 14, 1815 and died February 1915. The tombstone for John Henry Bland eldest son of William Calvin Bland and Mary E. Meadow, show dates for him of July 4, 1845 to April 21, 1931 (AC 3-1, p. 17). I am happy to display on the following page, photographs of Joseph Henry Bland (1847-1941, AC 3-1, p. 17, 4A), and on the next page, William Thomas Bland (1853-1893) and his family (AC 3-1, p. 18 C.).



Joseph Henry Bland  
(1847-1941)  
Photo about 1930



William Thomas Bland  
(1853-1893)

Both Photos Courtesy Angelia Alford



The family of William Thomas Bland (1853-1893) made about 1830 (AC 3-1, page 18).

Sitting Front: (L-R) Maudie Arminda Bland Duckworth Smith (1892-1948); Mary Elizabeth Gibson (1856-1940), mother of the others.

Kneeling: Silas C. "Neal" Bland (1885-1974); David Marvin Bland (1887-1976); and Charles Henry Bland (1890-1974)

Standing: (L-R) Tilman Morgan "Dock" Bland (1883-1942) Angelia Alford's Grandfather; John T. Bland (1881-1985), John died March 1985 at age 103; James Robert "Gee" Bland (1879-1966); William S. "Budd" Bland (1876-1952); and Thomas F. Bland (1874-1954).

JACOB BLAND OF CHATHAM COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA  
AND GREENE COUNTY INDIANA

I have used a summary of the family of Jacob Bland (C1779-1839, VU 282-284, pp. 320-333 and AC 1-1, p. 7, 1-2, pp. 5-6, and 2-1, pp. 7-8) as well as new contributions by Harold Shepherd of Fort Collins Colorado, Maisie Medford of San Antonio Texas and Betty Miller of Juneau Alaska to refine this line. To recap, James Bland (C1749-1799) an executor and older son of William Bland (C1726-1775) of Duplin County N.C., had a family of five sons, including Jacob Bland (C1779-1839), Henry and Francis Bland, Thomas Bland (1789-1862) and William (1787-after 1850). James also possibly had four daughters Mary, Isabell, Fanny and Rachel (AC 1-1, p. 7). All of the above sons migrated to Greene County Indiana, about 1820.

Of principal concern in this essay is Jacob Bland, who married Nancy Richardson (C1779-after 1860) and had a family of eight children. With new additions received, those children are noted below:

1. Nancy Richardson Bland (1802-1876) married Richard Pope (1801-1864) on January 5, 1825. Richard and Nancy are great grandparents of Harold Shepherd, who descends through their daughter Nancy Massara Pope (1831- ) who married Jesse David Shepherd (1833-1882).
2. Permelia (Pamela)-(C1805-after 1860).
3. Mary (C1807-Married Wiatt Miller on December 21, 1826.
4. Zina (C1809-after 1860).
5. Rebecca Bland (April 11, 1813 - June 10, 1855) married Mark Clark, June 18, 1840.
6. James Jacob Bland (1815-1862), married Martha J. Monk (1823-1864).<sup>1</sup>

James Jacob Bland and Martha Monk were married in 1841 and had a family of nine children, including:

A. Robert Henry Bland (November 1845 - ) married Sarah E. \_\_\_\_\_ about 1868.

1. The Wall Cemetery indicates that Martha J. Monk died September 8, 1861, but other evidence confirms she died in 1864.

B. Charles Wesley Bland (November 19, 1848 - May 15, 1924) married Emma Smith (April 16, 1854 to January 6, 1939) on May 23, 1877. Charles Wesley Bland and Emma Smith were grandparents of Maisie Medford. They had four children, including:

- (1) John Loss Bland (October 23, 1878 to April 28, 1970) married Beulah Cleamens April 15, 1906. John Loss Bland was an attorney in Los Angeles California.
- (2) Eva Bland (March 26, 1883 to June 29, 1924), was a nurse. She never married.
- (3) Asa Paul Bland (August 28, 1886) to December 10, 1918) a telegrapher at New Mexico, he never married.
- (4) Ophie Lasoil Bland (November 19, 1893 to August 31, 1980) married Oscar M. Coon, January 11, 1911. They are the parents of Masie Medford.

C. Fletcher Tivis (or Tunis) Bland (September 14, 1853- ) married Lucy Jane Dalton December 30, 1875.

D, E, F. Between Fletcher and Joseph Ellsworth, to be discussed presently, there were three children who died in infancy named Shady, Patten and Little Annie.

G. William Gillmore Bland (March 3, 1856 to September 16, 1936), married Rebecca Jane Vernon (February 6, 1859 to July 13, 1936), on February 8, 1879. They had a family of ten children, including:

- (1) Nellie Ann Bland (November 22, 1879 to May 10, 1954) born at Madison Iowa, married Otis Beauford Spee, July 21, 1909.
- (2) Hattie Jane Bland (March 17, 1881- ), born Madison Iowa, married Alva Jonathan Spee, June 9, 1902.
- (3) Ada Dell Bland (October 2, 1882- ) born Madison Iowa, married Leonard Roe Bern March 10, 1902.
- (4) Mary Gertrude Bland (1884-1885).
- (5) Frederick James Bland (June 27, 1886 to June 14, 1952), born in Wick Iowa, married Jennie Lockridge, May 28, 1916.

- (6) Vina Mae Bland (February 26, 1889- ), born Prale, Warren County Iowa, married Calvin Lafayette Spee February 14, 1914.
- (7) Elizabeth Iona Bland (July 7, 1891- ).
- (8) Lena Ellen Bland (May 8, 1894- ) born Prale, Iowa, married Everett McCullough August 29, 1930.
- (9) Ruby Pearl Bland (1897-1898).
- (10) Vannah Fay Bland (August 11, 1900 to March 25, 1956), born Prale, married Simon Earl Hadley.

H. Joseph Ellsworth Bland (October 24, 1858 to October 26, 1933) was born in Bloomfield, Greene County Indiana, and died in Juneau Alaska. He married Margaret Virginia Ewing (September 24, 1869 to December 30, 1950) on September 26, 1886.<sup>1</sup>

Children of Joseph Ellsworth Bland and Margaret V. Ewing, all born in Edison Washington were:

- (1) Gertrude Amelia Bland (1887-1953) died in Juneau Alaska, who married Edward S. Jewell.
- (2) Emma Etta Bland, (1889-1927) died in Takoma Washington, married Fred Thurman Talmage, July 1910.
- (3) Ethel Minerva Bland (1892-1959) died in Utah, married Pettichord Dyer, May 30, 1917.
- (4) Myrtle Martha Bland (1895-1974), died in Juneau Alaska, married Wilbur Bernie Converse, December 25, 1914. They were parents of ten children, including Berna, Amelia Converse, who married Leroy Francis West, parents of Betty Jean West Miller.

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1. Betty Miller asked that I make it clear that contrary to popular opinion, Joseph Ellsworth did not marry Sophia Amy Duncan who married George Washington Bland, Joseph's brother. I hoped that Margaret Ewing had a grand nephew named James Davis "Jock" Ewing, who had sons John Ross Ewing and Robert Ewing ( -1985) but no such luck.

- (5) Anna Pearl Bland (1898 died after 11 days).
- (6) Charles William Bland (1900-1949) died Juneau Alaska, married Brownie Valentine Crosby September 7, 1934.
- (7) Myrna Neona Bland (1904-1980) died Juneau Alaska, married George Francis Martin, August 20, 1921.
- (8) Alta Margaret Bland (1907-1932) married Robert Orme.
- (9) George Earl Bland (1911-1967) died Juneau Alaska, married Brita Karina Ask May 28, 1938.

I. George Washington Bland (June 14, 1861 to October 22, 1941), born in Bloomfield, Greene County Indiana, and married Sophia Amy Duncan (corrects VU, p. 332) (1864-1909) on May 1, 1882. George and Sophia had a family of five children including:

- (1) Otis S. Bland (1882- ) married Winifred E. Bowers, February 6, 1921.
- (2) Alisa S. Bland (1884-1919) married Pearl Watson June 5, 1910.
- (3) Nellie E. Bland (1889-1945) married Joseph Wright March 5, 1907.
- (4) Effie M. Bland (1892-1900)
- (5) Tommie A. Bland (1893- ) married Hattie B. Paine August 5, 1917.

7. Robert Henry Bland (March 4 or 17, 1817 to September 28, 1869) who married Chloe Hodges (1816-1898 VU, p. 327 shows Chloe's dates). The Wall Cemetery marking in Highland, Greene County Indiana, shows Chloe's dates as August 1, 1818 to June 17, 1904.

Their daughter Mary Elizabeth Bland (1845-1923) married Columbus Jefferson Hunter and they were grandparents of Albert Sinclair Hunter.

Military papers for the above James Jacob Bland (1815-1862) and Robert Henry Bland (1817-1869) describe them as follows. James Jacob was 5' 10", dark complexion, with black hair and

eyes. Robert was estimated anywhere from 5' 9" to 6', with dark complexion, black eyes and hair. Military service in the Civil War for James Jacob and Robert Henry was hard on both families. According to family legend, Chloe Hodges worried so over Robert's absence that she "became almost insane". Martha Jane Monk died two years after her husband, penniless and invalid, confined to her bed during her last two years. After Martha Jane's death in 1864, the Monk family took over care of the orphaned children.

8. Sarah Bland.

Pictures of the children of James Jacob Bland and Martha Monk are displayed below and on the opposite page.



L-R: Robert Bland (1845- ); George Washington Bland (1861-1941) and Charles Wesley Bland (1848-1924) Sons of James Jacob Bland and Martha Jane Monk. Courtesy Masie Medford.



Charles Wesley Bland  
(1848-1924) and Emma  
Smith (1854-1939)  
Courtesy Masie Medford



Ophie Bland Coon (1893-1980)  
at age 83, daughter of Charles  
Wesley Bland and Emma Smith,  
mother of Maisie Medford,  
Courtesy Maisie Medford.

Joseph Ellsworth Bland  
(1858-1933), son of  
James Jacob Bland and  
Martha Jane Monk -  
Courtesy Betty Miller



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



In the course of a long letter to me, Harold Shepherd included some information from the Bland Cemetery in Highland that included, Simon Bland (December 27, 1829 to October 15, 1898), son of Francis Bland, brother of Jacob (1779-1839), and husband of Rachel Monk (September 29, 1829 to June 29, 1871). Simon married Rachel May 18, 1851, and Mr. Shepherd's information yields more precise information about five of their eight children: Margarette Bland (July 8, 1854 to October 5, 1890); William H. Bland (In the Stalcup Cemetery, Highland, November 12, 1856 to June 1, 1910); Granville Bland (July 11, 1863 - ); Nancy A. Bland (March 13, 1865 - ); Mary S. Bland (1867-1869).

Mr. Shepherd also sent me information about "those other Bland's" from Greene County Indiana, but I'll have to check the information out with Virginia Cowden before printing it.

#### THE BLANDS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

Not much has come my way from this family since the last number. Perhaps all the descendants of this line are so flabbergasted or enraged by my reassessment (AC 3-1, pp. 21-26) that they are considering whether to string me up or bomb my house. I suppose I'll find out when I send out subscription renewal notices next fall.

I have had from Robert Wheeler an interesting letter and biography of William Anderson Bland <sup>1</sup> (Born March 19, 1863) the son of George Hester Bland (1840-1905) and Barbara Leedy, who died when William was only a baby. The most germane information from the biography concerns William's memory of his grandfather Moses Bland (1819-1873, VU, pp. 361-365) and grandmother Martha Needham (1808-1895). The story has been told in my book of how the family loaded up on a wagon train in Jennings County Iowa and migrated to Oregon in 1851. William Anderson remembered some of Moses' and Martha's children who stayed behind. Now inasmuch as their first

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1. One piece of information noted in VU was that William Anderson Bland's half sister Clara P. Bland married Loffie E. Arnold and lived in Lebanon Oregon. William A. Bland's interview took place May 22, 1940.

child, George Hester Bland was not born until 1840, it does not make sense that Moses and Martha would depart Indiana in 1851 leaving three small children behind. Rather I agree with Robert Wheeler that the people identified William Bland are Noah Bland, and some unidentified sisters who according to the story teller lived and died in Indiana, were brothers to Moses (1819-1873). Bob Wheeler strongly believes that Noah Bland was the same man who is buried in Sharpville, Tipton County Indiana whose dates were 1815-1897 and who married Susan Hand September 15, 1837 (AC 1-1, p. 8). According to her tombstone, Susan's dates were 1820-1866. Secondly, Noah married Elizabeth M. \_\_\_\_\_ (1830-1919). If Mr. Wheeler's hunch is right, this gives additional form to Moses Bland (1819-1873) who heretofore has seemed to stand in isolation, and the next obvious step would be to positively discover his parents.

Kay Monroe of Sullivan Indiana has been good enough to send me three marriage records for Clark County Indiana, including Moses Bland to Ann Robinson, May 27, 1862, Robert Bland to Ena Brown, November 18, 1873 and Allen Bland to Mary Ann Mason September 23, 1835. Note that Richard Anderson Bland (1815-1904) son of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz (VU, pp. 349-50 and AC 1-2, p. 19) married Eusbia Mason in Sullivan County Indiana, in January 1835).

#### THE BLANDS OF PITT COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA AND SHELBY COUNTY TENNESSEE

I am grateful to Marian Graves of Memphis Tennessee who has forwarded information preserved from a bible record of Sylvia Bland Montgomery that sharpens some features of the Pitt County North Carolina family. First, Miss Graves reports that she has found traces of the family's founder, George Bland, in Pitt County as early as 1755, which would revise his dates slightly to 1734-1797. No suggestion of his parentage has turned up so far.

George's family has been outlined previously (AC 2-1, pp. 22-23 and 2-2, pp. 38-39). The information provided by Miss Graves from the Bible record refers to George's son Theophilus Bland (April 14, 1768 to July 4, 1832) who died in Shelby County Tennessee, where he moved about 1831. Theophilus married Sarah Joiner, probably about 1795 and had by her a family of eleven (by my count) children:

1. John Bland (C1796- ) who married Virginia (or Jane) Moore, December 19, 1821. John's second wife was Virginia Short. He is supposed to have moved to Texas and married

twice again. John's children were John, Stewart, Richard, Jack and Anne. This line is fairly similar to that described by Mary Gilliam Gatlin, 702 Swanson Blvd. Fayetteville Tennessee, 37334, which came to me second hand. Her furthest back ancestor was Jonathan N. Bland who was born in North Carolina, went to Virginia and from thence to Tennessee. He died in Texas visiting a son, William Perry Bland. Jonathan married Lucy Ann Tuley, a Tennessee native and by her had:

James H. Bland, a minute man in the Civil War who died in Virginia; Jonathan Frank Bland; Eli Alexander Bland; William Perry Bland; Lizzie Bland, Delina Bland; Lee Bland, and Preston Monroe Bland (July 26, 1845-November 21, 1918) who married on January 7, 1875 Martha Virginia Jones (1854-1926). Preston was born in Marshall County Virginia. His daughter, Maudie A. Bland (1886-1945) married Jonas W. Gilliam and were parents of Mary Gilliam Gatlin.

2. Ely or Ellie Bland (C1797- ) married Robin Knox November 16, 1815.

3. Levin Bland (August 20, 1798- ) who married Elizabeth Ann Moore (sister to John's wife Virginia and daughter of Obediah Moore) on January 29, 1824. They had children:

A. Mary Jane Bland who married Nathan Gregory January 19, 1843. (AC 2-1, pp. 22-23). B. Frank; C. Jim (James); D. Robert (Bob); E. John; F. Westley; G. Lafayette.

4. Mary or Mary Ann Bland (March 1, 1802- ) married Cullen Moore (not related to the above Moores) February 3, 1820.

5. Hyland Bland (C1805- ), married Sarah (1812- ) July 27, 1826. In addition to children previously noted, there was a child Jessie Lawrence Bland (February 12, 1838 to July 11, 1924) in this family.

6. Theophilus Bland (March 12, 1807 to July 8, 1865), married Adeline Adams (January 28, 1818- ) in Shelby County Tennessee April 27, 1834 and had by her the following children:

A. Sylvia (called Selena previously) (May 29, 1835 to August 10, 1925) who married her cousin Seth Wheatley Montgomery, son of Sarah Bland and John Montgomery. (see below p. 42, par. 11).

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1. Thomas Jones has provided information about Stewart Bland of Todd County Kentucky which I did not analyze for this number.

- B. Robert Bland. (March 31, 1838) who married Sarah Tate.
- C. Mary Lucinda Bland (April 20, 1838 to April 17, 1843). Now that's what I call really cooking. That Addie Adams must have been something.
- D. Ormond Knox Bland (March 5, 1842 to May 5, 1862).
- E. Sarah Elizabeth Bland (June 20, 1844- ) married John L. Seward.
- F. John Joiner Bland (October 19, 1846-November 19, 1846). G. Catherine J.A.Bland (June 25, 1848 to May 10, 1924) married C.W.Dickey.
- G. Alice Bland (May 4, 1850- ) married Jim Waddell.
- H. Anna Elizabeth Bland (February 23, 1852 to October 10, 1938).
- I. Martha Jane Bland (1854-1860).
- J. Minor Bland (January 15, 1856- ) married Margaret Williams.
- K. William Henry Bland (May 14, 1860- ) married Susan Seward and Ella T. Neaker.
7. Isaac Bland (December 24, 1810- ) married Benilla (called Tabitha earlier November 12, 1834, Reed Ellis. Their children were Benilla, Ellis and Markham Conway Bland.
8. William Bland (April 29, 1812- ) A William H. Bland witnessed the marriage of Isaac Bland and Benilla R. Ellis. William H. Bland married Sakira Gibson June 30, 1842 (AC 2-1, p. 23).
9. Elizabeth Bland (C1814- ) married Alfred Moore, January 19, 1832.
10. Thulina Bland (C1815-1858), married John Kennedy March 18, 1832.
11. Sarah Bland (C1817- ) married John Montgomery April 1835. Sarah subsequently married James Davis on December 6, 1843. Note that her son Seth Whetley Montgomery married his cousin Sylvia, daughter of Theophilus Bland (1807-1865), (see above p. 41, par. A).

## THE BLANDS OF NELSON COUNTY KENTUCKY

This is another major family that has been relatively silent during the past six months, excepting some important work done by John W. Bland, Jr. of Elizabethtown that needs to be discussed with those concerned before publishing.

A new correspondent, Mrs. Ruth B. Webb of Ferndale Michigan descends through Nancy Bland, who married Robert Webb in March 1807 (VU p. 455). Actually this question is now hanging over whether Nancy's father Henry was not the son of Thomas Bland (1719-1788) of Fauquier County Virginia and the brother of James Bland (1780-1829) of Virginia and Hardin County Kentucky (VU, pp. 370-372 and AC 2-2, pp. 31-32 and 3-1, pp. 30-32).

Mrs. Verna Uebelacker of Spokane Washington also descends from this family, through Mildred Bland, daughter of John Bland and Margaret Osborne, who married William Hughes, (VU, p. 431).

In other notes, Juanita Max of Plantation Florida, a native of Washington County Kentucky and descendant of that family has added to the Kinchloe Massacre lore. Juanita's great aunt points out that the primary reason Osborne Bland and his wife Lettice moved around was because she was (as the story strongly suggests) raped by the indians and thus was scourged thereafter by her contemporaries.

John W. Bland Jr. of Elizabethtown Kentucky, in Lewis Collins History of Kentucky (1968) p. 133-134, came across a brief article regarding the Reverend Terah Templin (C1742-1818) whom John believes was the minister previously thought to be an indian "Tulchtomplen" (AC 2-2, p. 31) who married his ancestor Daniel Bland and Elizabeth Hughes. Actually he was just another country preacher.

Merritt Page of Green City Missouri sent me family group information that strengthens the Bland-Van Meter connection in Hardin County Kentucky. It shows two sons of Jessie Henry Bland (1805-1862) and Elizabeth Spurrier married to Van Meter women. Daniel Bland (1830-1912) married Nancy E. Van Meter October 5, 1858 and Jessie H. Bland (1846-1883) married Mary Ann Van Meter October 21, 1869. This particular link is one I will explore more fully in the next issue. (AC 2-2, pp. 31-32 and 3-1, p. 29)

Merritt Page noted snapshots in his possession of two headstones located in the Holy Name of Mary Cemetery, Calvary, Marion County Kentucky (formed from Washington in 1834) on which is written "John Bland died 6 September 1783 aged about 75 years." A companion tombstone shows Mary, wife of John Bland. This obviously could be (dates match events) the John Bland, wife of Rachel of Washington County (VU pp. 463-477 and Newsletter inter alia), though a wife Mary would have to be explained away.

#### THE BLANDS OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

##### The Dallas County Alabama Families

There seem to be two distinct families in Dallas county, both originating in Edgefield County South Carolina. One of these descends through Silas Blann (C1792-1858, AC 2-1, 16-19). From Pauline Jones Gandrud, Alabama Records, Dallas County Vol. 20, furnished by Mary Murphy of East Palatka Florida, it has been possible to locate a few pertinent dates that add to previous information. Mary Ann Blann, a sister and heir of Sanford Blann, married William Fancher (C1817- ) in Dallas County January 28, 1847. Asenath Blann (1828-1871), daughter of the above Silas and Elizabeth Blann, married Thomas J. Parnell November 19, 1850. Additional marriages to individuals I have not been able to place include Joseph L. Bassett to Mrs. L.C. Blann September 1, 1847, and William Blann to Louisiana Bell February 16, 1853.

Among the materials sent me by Marie McLaughlin from the Dallas County Alabama Probate Judges Office were the estate settlements of Elza Bland, Jr. (AC 3-1, p. 34) a son of Elza Bland (1798-1879) by his first wife Sophia Pow. It shows that the accurate dates for Elza, Jr. were 1830-1857. There is mention in his inventory of "one fine violin" which may be the same one that has come down in time to Mary Murphy. From his estate, it appears Elza, Jr. was single when he died.

Mary Murphy also provided additional information about the second marriage of Sarah Turner Bland Mobley (1770-1848). Information from DAR Revolutionary records for Georgia indicate Sarah's second husband was Captain Jeremiah Mobley (1744-1835), and their family includes William, Jeremiah, Harriet, Sarah Ann and Mary, which matches closely the names in Sarah's will of 1848. Some minor revisions in Sarah's will were provided by Mary Murphy (AC 3-1, p. 33) including my notation of Harriet Herring, which should be Herin; Cockroft, which should be Ann Cockroft and John Twombly, which should be John T. Mobley.

### The Family of David Bland and Martha Allen

Helen Bourque of Houston Texas has furnished me similar tidbits about the Peyton Bland-Elizabeth Smith family. First after several researches into the true spelling of her name, Helen's grandmother should be recorded as Fanny Lourenia Bland Newport (1874-1895), third of seven children of David Bland and Martha Allen, which also included Mary Minerva (1870-1946); John Calhoun (18872-1941); Allie (1875-1964); David (1876-1888); Thurston (1878-1905) and Martha (1882-1965). Of special interest to me was a newspaper story about Thurston Bland (1878-1905) who sang his song quickly and with considerable elan. Thurston served variously in the Boer War with British and American forces and in Cuba during the Spanish American War. Afterward, he hired onto a ship bound for Melbourne Australia, then sailed to San Francisco, before taking a full year on a whaling ship. In deciding on the whaling adventure Thurston wrote his parents from Hakodate Japan:

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

Thurston wrote down some wonderfully detailed information about whaling and he promised his parents that when the ship returned to San Francisco, like a good boy, he would come straight home. He did that, returning home to marry Ida Eddins in Orange County Texas and they had three sons, Joseph, Blanchard and David George. Poor old Thurston, settled down they say, underneath his fig tree in Orange county. I guess he just didn't give a fig for that kind of life for he died in 1905.

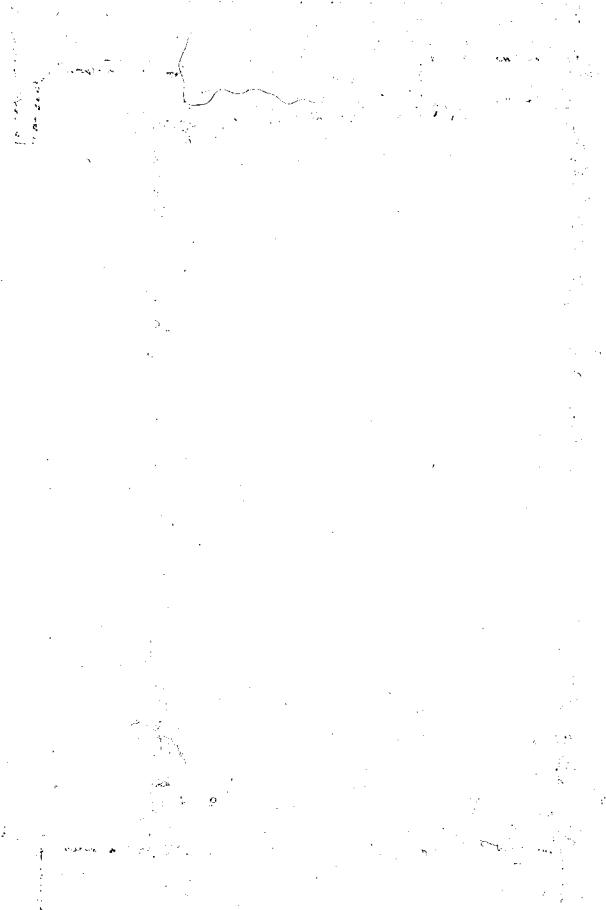
### The Family of Berry Elsey Bland and Martha Greene

Following the death of my uncle Maurice "Slim" Long last July, my aunt Virginia Viril Bland Long sent me many interesting photographs of my own family. I was especially struck by four which add to the narrative about the family of Berry Elsey Bland (1856-1917) and his wife Martha Greene (1849-1935) that appeared in the very first printing of the book (VU, March 1982, pp. 544-585) but was truncated thereafter.

The first is a picture taken in later years of Martha Greene, whose remarkable story is told in (VU, March 1982, pp.

545-549). Oh Martha, what can your grateful grandchildren say. In a world of southern rural squalor and ignorance that surely would have consumed us all for many generations to come, you opened a window of light upon the value of knowledge and education that has blessed your grandchildren and those later generations, many of whom do not know you existed.

I have yet to see a photograph in which grandma was smiling, but her photographs always show love, strength, care and determination as the one below illustrates:



Martha Greene Bland (1849-1935)  
Courtesy Virginia Viril Bland Long



Berry and Martha had a family of seven children including Silas Pinkney Bland (1883-1958) who married first Lula Belle Callahan. Previously I had one photo of Lula (VU, March 1982, p. 554B) and now am pleased to present another:



James Bland (1909-1934)  
son of Silas P. Bland  
and Lula Belle Callahan  
Courtesy Virginia Viril Bland  
Bland Long.



Lula Belle Callahan (1886-1909)  
Wife of Silas Pinkney Bland  
Courtesy Virginia Viril Bland  
Long.

Lula Belle Callahan died during the birth of her second child James Bland (1909-1934) who appears to the left of her photograph. Not much was known about James except that he was approximately as wild, perhaps a bit more so, than his father, and his half-brother Silas Pinkney Bland, Jr. (1918-1975, VU, March 1982, 555-556). James went off to Texas and married a woman named Laura Pelham, but he popped up back in North Carolina at odd moments, as my aunts and uncles liked to say, very entertaining to the younger kids, full of stories, pockets bulging with money everyone knew he couldn't have earned for they say he never did a lick of honest work in his life. Stories vary about how James came to an end. He either tried to race a train down a track on his motorcycle or he tried to beat the oncoming train across the track. Either way the train made hash of ole Jim.

The eldest son and child of Berry and Martha was my grandfather Thomas Bunyan Bland (1876-1955) who in 1899 married Margaret Delena Kirby (1883-1958). They had ten children. Apparently, about 1910, they had made a little strip of photos (see below) of the children who had been born up to that time (one, Paul, was born in 1905 and died as an infant):



Children of Thomas Bunyan and Margaret Dalena Kirby Bland.

L-R Grace Truman Bland Shurley (1909-still living) with Margaret Kirby Bland.  
Thomas Bunyan Bland, Jr. (1906-1971)  
Wilma Lorena Bland (1902-1977)  
Hestine Bland Potts (1901-1984).

Courtesy Virginia Viril Bland Long

The youngest son of Thomas Bunyan Bland and Margaret Kirby was my father Bruce Steven Bland (1922-1984), a super salesman and also a self-confessed good looking man. During the week of Dad's funeral, I saw the photo displayed below, taken when Dad was about twenty-five, and I am grateful to my brother Thomas Spencer Bland for the photograph and the story behind it. As Dad told it, and here one must caution the reader to beware of Dad's hyperbole, he was walking down the street one day in Charlotte N.C. when a man walked up to him and said "whoooooee! Damn, you are one good looking man!" Dad was the kind of man who appreciated a comment like that. On the spot the man offered Dad the suit he is shown wearing in the photo if Dad would pose for the picture, which the man supposedly used in a fashion display. That's the story. Here's the photo:

Among the materials sent me by Virginia Viril Bland Long was an in-house newsletter put out by the Kent-Moore Auto Parts Organization when Dad went to work for them (Vol 1, No. 2, October 25, 1950). The "People of Kent-Moore" section introduced Dad as having begun work for Kent-Moore in March 1950 as the zone representative of Charlotte N.C. and he "has done a wonderful job. Month after month he has proven to us, and to himself, that he is a capable salesman." The article went on to say:

Bruce S. Bland, 1922-1984,  
Courtesy Thomas Spencer Bland

Girls,<sup>1</sup> you should meet this guy . . . he stands 6'2" tall, weighs about 205 pounds and has black wavy hair. He talks with that soft, southern drawl you girls love and is a good looking hunk of man. Next time Bruce is up this way, be sure and get acquainted.

There now, Dad couldn't have written it better himself.

#### MISSING LINKS

This has been an abundant time for new lines or names which cannot be linked to one of the major lines already developed. Correspondents, (names underlined) would like to hear from anyone with information, (full addresses are located in the subscriber list at the end of the newsletter).

Elizabeth Bland: Earlier (p. 16 above) I noted the possibility that Elizabeth Bland might be connected to the early settlers of King and Queen County Virginia but no firm link of any kind is established. What is known from Elizabeth Morse' letter to me is that her Elizabeth Bland was of Spotsylvania County Virginia, that she married John Ballard and their son William Ballard was born in Bedford County Virginia September 8, 1715 and died April 29, 1794.

Daniel Bland: Joyce Bland McCool Overland Park Kansas, has inquired about Daniel Bland who was born sometime about 1780-1790 and died before 1850. He married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ who was born C1802. He came to Arkansas about 1818 presumably to the Pulaski-Perry-Conway-Saline County area, where he joined in a petition to enact a law quieting all those who settled on the pretended purchase and complained about Quapaw indians stealing their goods and livestock. Joyce is in the dark about where Daniel came from but the area of Arkansas where he settled suggests a link between him and the Randolph County N.C. family who had Saline Arkansas settlers (VU, pp. 350-352), or the Benton County Arkansas family. (AC 1-2, pp. 23-24) Joyce has concrete information about Daniel's son Radford Sherman Bland (December 30, 1832 to November 1900) who was born and died in Conway-Perry County Arkansas. He married Margaret Elsberry (1840-1892) and had by her George Washington Bland (December 24, 1875 to August 15, 1931) who was born in Perry County but died in Pott County Oklahoma. George married Alice May Sharp (1879-1956) on January 27, 1895, and their son Colvin Rutledge Bland was the father of Joyce Bland McCool.

1. This was way back there in the pre-feminist days when you could get away with calling a grown woman a "girl".

English Lines: I have had correspondence about two apparently separate English lines. Crandall Bland Giddings of Mesa Arizona is looking for further information about Thomas Bland, born in Brigstock, England about 1789 who married a woman named Mary. Their son William Bland was christened in Brigstock May 19, 1816 and married Ruth Knight (C1815- ). Their daughter Harriet Bland was born in England May 21, 1856 and died July 17, 1936 in Albany Oregon. Harriet married Lucian Crandall in 1887. Their daughter Berneice Crandall who married Luther Giddings in 1913, were the parents of my correspondent Crandall Bland Giddings.

In my book, I noted a family of migrants from England, John and Isabella Bland, who were living in Salem, Greenwood County Kansas in 1880 (VU, p. viii). Max Kessinger of Wichita Kansas was good enough to share with me a letter he received in May 1973 from Ramona Bland Carpenter, outlining this family in greater detail. Mrs. Carpenter's great grandfather was John Bland (January 19, 1832 to November 24, 1908). John married Isabella Salkeld on May 28, 1859. She was born in Westmoreland County England July 21, 1839 and died June 5, 1925. John and Isabella were buried at the Ladd cemetery in Eureka Kansas.

Their children were:

1. William Bland (November 27, 1860- ) born at Dufton England, died at Humboldt Kansas. He married, who is unknown.
2. Thomas Bland (March 3, 1863 - June 2, 1930) born at Dufton England, died in Eureka Kansas, did not marry.
3. Emily Bland (October 3, 1865-June 8, 1930) born Dufton England and died at Eureka Kansas. Married a Balch.
4. James Bland (February 22, 1868 - May 21, 1940), born in England, died in Kansas, he married Minnie B. \_\_\_\_\_ and was the grandfather of Ramona Bland Carpenter.
5. Anna Bland (January 27, 1870 - December 20, 1953) born in England, married G.E. Lillie.
6. Elizabeth Bland, born in England, died in Anthony Kansas, married a Harrison.
7. Isabelle Bland (March 31, 1874 - September 25, 1907) born England, died in Kansas, unmarried.

8. John Bland (1876-1886), John was the first child born in Kansas which would set the settlement date for John and Isabella at about 1874-1875.
9. Fred Bland born in Kansas, died in Ivanah Texas and married.
10. Maude Bland (November 24, 1882 September 15, 1927) did not marry.
11. Laura Bland born in Kansas, still living in 1973, married Tom Wall. I would be very interested in communicating with any descendants from this line or others who have further information.

Charles Bland: D. Carlos Smith, Jr. of Raliegh N.C. has written to me seeking further information about Charles Bland who died about 1841 in Guilford County N.C. The location of Guilford, near Randolph and Chatham, suggests strongly that Charles belongs to one of those mainline families. Many of Charles' children appear on the marriage list of Guilford County (AC 3-1, p. 15): By his first marriage, to an unknown lady, Charles had three children: (1) Polly who married Thomas Ozment in 1817; (2) Arthur who married Betsey Waddle in 1818; (3) Peggy who married Robert Armfield in 1824. It is possible that Peggy died soon after for Robert Armfield is shown marrying Thankful Bland, Peggy's sister, in 1827.

Secondly, as noted, Charles married Catherine Hodson Shelly August 26, 1823 and had (1) Angelina, who married Peter Rich, June 30, 1847; (2) Sarah A. who married Robert Baxter in 1848 (3) Louisa who married Samuel S. Willis in 1848; (4) Emily who married Himelious Irwin in 1850 and (5) Jane who married Abraham Clark in 1858.

Charles continued having children up until the time he died. Given the first marriage date for a child, Charles would have probably been born sometime in the 1770's. He could be the son of William Bland of Duplin County. More likely he is a grandson of William (1726-1775, VU pgs/ 282-284). Anyone with further information should write to Mr. Smith.

Samuel Bland: Back in 1983, I received a letter from Mrs. Ronald Hudson of Sheridan Wyoming, searching for information about Samuel Bland or Blann, born C1806/1811 in Kentucky. He married three times. His second wife was Polly Huckaby in 1842 in Macon County Missouri and his third wife was Alcey Clark in 1863 in Putnam County Missouri. Samuel, who was a Johnny Reb, was killed violently in 1864 by bushwhackers or

militiamen. His first known child was William Bland (1830- ) and his last was Andrew who was born in 1864. I misfiled this letter and regret that I never carried through on it. Anyone with information should write to Mrs. Hudson.

John Bland and Margaret Lane I discussed this line above p. 5-6) because of the newsworthiness of C.L. Bland, but the line's historian Mrs. Allen Lumsden of Mendota Illinois has beseeched me to provide help in solving the question of who was the father of John Bland (1812-1864). Please write to Mrs. Lumsden if you have any answers.

William Bland Is noted above (pg. 8 N. 1) in an antique letter from Bertha McKinney Dewitt to Robert Linn Bland written June 7, 1928, seeking information about the parents of her William Bland born March 17, 1817 near Wheeling West Virginia and died August 21, 1875, buried in Bourbon. Richard married Nancy Zeigler (1823-1893) at Dayton Ohio March 24, 1839. Their children were:

1. John Zeigler Bland (1840-1918), born in Dayton Ohio, died in Bourbon Indiana.
2. Mary Ellen Bland (1841-1913), born in Dayton, died in Bourbon Indiana.
3. Lucinda Jane Bland (1844-1879) born in Dayton, died in Ogden Illinois.
4. Arthur Samuel Bland (1846-1921), born in Dayton died in Kalispell Montana. (CF pg. 30)
5. William Thomas Bland (1847- ), born in Ohio.
6. Marion Alexander Bland (1850-1928) born in Piqua Ohio, died in Bourbon Indiana.
7. Martha Clara Alice Bland (1855-1861)
8. Minerva Anne Bland (1853-1890) born in Piqua, died in Bourbon Indiana.
9. Ida Bell (1861- ) born in Houston Ohio.
10. Harry Allen Bland (1869- ) born in Houston.

Mrs. Dewitt indicated a family tradition that her William was born in Prince William County Virginia.



Joshua Bland One of the most persistent problems of discovery has been the ancestor of the wife of Thomas H. Jones of Edwardsville Illinois. He is Joshua Bland born 1826 to 1828 in Tennessee, married to Mary Ann Scott in Caldwell County Kentucky November 18, 1847 and died after 1880 in Lyon County Kentucky (created from Caldwell in 1854). In 1880, Joshua indicated to the census taker that his father was born in Virginia, his mother in North Carolina. Information about the family of Joshua and Mary Ann is as follows:

(1) James Scott Bland (November 17, 1848 - March 11, 1914) died in Trigg County Kentucky, married Martha E. Choat Capps (1857-1834). James and Martha had the following children all of whom appear to have lived and died in Trigg County Kentucky: (A) Warner Bradshaw Bland (1884-1959); (B) Leeman Bland (1894- ); (C) Prentis David Bland (1896-1915); (D) Jesse James Bland (1889-1959) who married Beulah Agnes Shelton in 1914. Their Daughter Opal married Thomas Jones, my correspondent. (E) Mamie Bland (1887-1954); (F) Bessie Bland (1899-living in 1984).

(2) Alexander Bland (1851-living in 1900) was the second son of Joshua Bland and Mary Scott. He married Lenora \_\_\_\_\_ about 1874 and they had (A) Robert H. Bland (C1876-\_\_\_\_\_) who was living in Trigg County in 1900, married to Ada \_\_\_\_\_ (1881- ); (B) Bradley (C1878- ).

(3) Frances Jeannette Bland (C1854- )

(4) David Bland (C1857- )

(5) Albert Bland (C1862- )

(6) Mary Edna Bland (C1864- ).

James W. Bland: This continues the search by Nora Skaggs of Tonganoxie Kansas for her husbands ancestor James w. Bland (1843-living in 1900), who was born in Indiana and whose father was born in Kentucky, his mother in Indiana. He married Nancy Mathews (1859- ) and the disparity in their age, plus the date of their marriage, about 1881, suggests Nancy was James' second wife.

James and Nancy had a family of six children, including (1) Warren Bland (1882- ) who married Virgie Gore; (2) Grover Cleveland Bland (1889-1952) who married Lulu Belle Roderman Skaggs in 1920 (AC 3-1, p. 42); (3) Wesley Bland (1892-1913); (4) Richard Bland (1895- ) who married Ford Duncan and (5) Mary Bland, who married John Chronister. Given this new

information, I have some ideas about who James W. Bland might be a son to, and will explore these with Mrs. Skaggs. Meanwhile, anyone else who has ideas should contact Nora.

### Obituaries

In April, I received a letter from James Turpin that his wife Betty died March 20, 1984. Betty was very helpful to me in writing Chapter X of my book and I am truly saddened by her death. There may be those of you who knew Betty but did not know, she had died. James Turpin lives at 1619 Dixon Drive, Colorado Springs Colorado 80909.

In passing, I received from various sources, obituaries for James E. Bland (1907-1985) of Roanoke Virginia, who was married to Lillian Moore; Linnie Field Bland (1892-1984) who died November 11, 1984. H. Happy Bland, wife of Ernest W. Bland of Buffalo New York, died March 22, 1985. Creed Bland of Ozawkie Missouri, born August 9, 1924, died March 10, 1985. He was the son of Esther Bland and married Inez Strahan in 1948.

May you all have a Happy Summer. Mary Jane, Christina, Tommy and I as well as John and Vivian Bland, hope to see y'all at the Reunion August 10-11.

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