

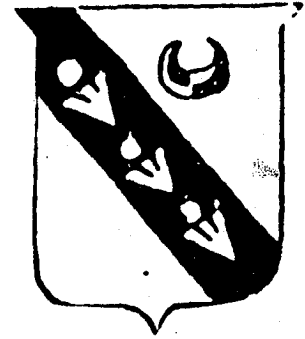
Volume 5-1 January-June 1987, 51pp. and Volume 5-2, July-December 1987, 35pp. With this issue, my formatting took a step back, esp 5-1 which was set in a small, difficult font, but 5-1 marked the first time I developed extended studies for single lines, in this case, James River Blands (Group 1) and Dallas County Alabama Blands (Group 15). I continue to identify lines parenthetically numbered by the new Henry System developed by TereseBueker, (Henry System Grouping of Bland family Lines, see hyperlink [Genealogy Bland Groups and Family Lines updated June 2014](#)). Reader beware: these were early years when we were still learning what lines belonged where, mixing up lines, names etc. Many of these lines have been updated, (check this website [Family Lines Link](#) esp. for later source references) Remember this was almost twenty years before DNA and the larger, single volume newsletters published beginning in 1995 had all this trial and error to build on.

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Dear Cousins,

T. S. Eliot must have had a flare for genealogy. "Birth and copulation and death, that's all the facts when you come down to brass tacks," Eliot wrote on "Sweeney Agonistes". Of course, he might have added marriage. At some point, we have all discovered, it takes much more than these bare essentials, and it becomes very difficult to keep everything straight. I say this in self-defense because recently I received one of those upbraiding letters: boy Charlie, you sure made a lot of mistakes in that last newsletter. Ok, I confess. Balancing deliberate genealogical method with editorial deadlines does lead to mistakes at times. Words are misspelled, names got wrong, boners made (the prize in the last Newsletter was Peter Bland, who died and went to Missouri), evidence misread. Sometimes, I advance clearly stated

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hypotheses in order to generate lively discussion and get issues out of ruts (e.g., AC 5-1, p. 42, par 2). I was delighted to receive one letter about that essay saying "excellent, most helpful." Others thought I had definitely gone over the edge. I argue it this way: the alternative to offering hypotheses is to sit tight on information that would be invaluable to others until what we all know is a mythical "smoking gun" turns up.

To me there are three great mistakes in genealogy. First is the mistake most of us share, and it predates our interest in family history. Inez Turner of Hope Arkansas summed it up beautifully: "I wish I had listened more carefully when I was younger." Second is the tendency of the novice to believe every old folk tradition that comes his way. Third, the cardinal sin in my book is to sit on information that would be valuable to others, awaiting the never to be realized day when everything will fit together in a perfect, air-tight argument or holding information back for fear that someone else may profit from all the blood, sweat tears, and yes, money that one has invested in research.

The cautionary tale is of the lady who worked for decades, gathering up information about her ancestors, all in isolation, within the limited mobility and chronological time available to her. She held her work close to her bosom for she dare not venture an opinion until all the evidence was in. Sad to say, the grim reaper arrived before the day when all the evidence was in (it should be an axiom that all genealogical research is always incomplete). The day after her funeral her daughter-in-law took a broom to the poor lady's house and swept away "all that junk." 1

The above does not argue for fast and loose research. Presently, you will see that I have deferred writing about several topics pending more complete research. The sheer joy I derive from this work, however, comes in three basic ways: (1) hearing almost constantly from new people. (2) When new people are stumped about their line and I can immediately link them further back in time. (3) When new facts or even rereading of old evidence brings a previously confused picture into better focus, or makes it possible to tease or put a new spin on an old issue. The bottom line, however, is that when I receive new information, I will not sit on it. "Among Cousins" thrives on receipt of new material, shaping it into some presentable form, even if incomplete, and getting it before you the readers.

1987 National Reunion By now, you should have received your invitation to the 1987 National Reunion at Solsberry Indiana, August 15-16, 1987. Our co-sponsor for this year, Kenny Bland, indicates that confirmations have been coming in slowly. We hope for a good showing of

1. This anecdote is borrowed and revised a little from Nicholas Murray, Bear Tracks, (1st Quarter, 1987).

Blands from the local Solsberry, Greene County area, as well as from other Indiana locations and from other States as well. This reunion will be dedicated to the memory of Virginia Bland Cowden of Bloomington Indiana, an able and generous Bland researcher who died in 1985. An order form is enclosed. Please send your confirmation to Kenny right away. Your confirmation is needed in order to estimate the approximate attendance at the Reunion. Remember that your payment must be received no later than August 1, 1987.

Greene County Indiana is Bland Country. See you there.

Other Reunions I have been informed of a number of other very successful local reunions, including: the Chatham County N.C. descendants who got together at Pittsboro N.C. on June 7. The Joseph Bland-Susan Bailey Johnson family of West Virginia gathered for a reunion near Smithsburg West Virginia on June 13. The Bulloch County Georgia Blands gathered for a reunion at Statesboro Georgia on June 14. A Bland reunion was held at Merkel Texas, June 20-21. Somewhat belatedly, I should note the gathering of the Bland-Lyne-Scott families at Concordia Kansas on July 5, 1986, which included descendants of James O.D. Bland (1824-1907). Finally, each Spring, the Blands near Maben Mississippi, descended from Joseph Bland of Duplin County N.C. hold their annual reunion.

Library Donations There were two library donations during this period. A new subscriber, Noelithia G. Penland of Redwood City California, donated a copy of A Vision of Unity to The Owsley Family Historical Society, Covington Louisiana. Mrs. Penland's descent is from Susan Bland Pearson (1609 -) of London, sister of Theodorick Bland founder of the James River Virginia line. Her Pearson and West ancestors intermarried with the Owsley family. Mrs. Penland also identified the California State Library, Sutro Branch, San Francisco, as a holder. The Sutro library evidently purchased a copy of the book through a jobber. Mrs. Penland reports that the Sutro library has the reputation of "the best genealogical library west of the Mississippi." Mrs. Eleanore Hayes Smith of Tucson Arizona, recently reported to me that she had placed the first five volumes (her copies) of "Among Cousins" in the Tucson Public Library, for which I am very grateful.

Although A Vision of Unity has been placed in over forty libraries, I still would like to place the book in the following State libraries, which are key locations of settlement for the Bland family: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia. This would complete placements in key states. I also have had inquiries about placement of the book in the LDS Branch Library at Tucson Arizona, which I am informed is heavily used, and in the Shreve Memorial Library, Shreveport Louisiana. If you would like to place a tax deductible copy in one of these libraries or in a library of your own choice, please let me know. Library copies of the book have proven

an excellent source of new interest in our genealogical work.

I will be forced to restructure my policy of donating free copies of "Among Cousins" to new donors. Volume 5-2 will be sent to those libraries who have a copy of A Vision of Unity placed as of the end of July 1987. Future volumes of "Among Cousins" will be available to libraries at a cost of \$12. for current issues and \$15. for back issues. In order to retain the attractiveness of library donations, I am holding the line for the cost of A Vision of Unity to libraries at \$59.95.

General Price Increase After five years of price continuity, I find I am forced to implement the following price increases:

A Vision of Unity: cost to individual subscribers after July 31, 1987 will be \$74.95. As noted, the price for purchases by or placements to libraries remains \$59.95.

"Among Cousins": Effective with Volume VI, 1988, and for orders received after July 31, 1987, the price for current issues will be \$17. and for back issues \$20. Price for individual numbers will be half the annual amount.

Lenore Bland Brown, DAR I received a joyous call from Lenore Bland Brown of Fort Worth Texas last January, telling me that she was accepted to the DAR through her Bland line that traces back to a Revolutionary ancestor, James Bland (C1749-1799) of Duplin and Chatham Counties N.C. I know all of you will be pleased, both for Lenore and her daughter Linda Allie, but also for others whose entrance has been cleared into the DAR by Mrs. Brown.

Graham Bland Somewhat belatedly, I want to offer my congratulations to William Graham Bland of Jacksonville Florida for his receipt of the Most Valuable Member award for 1985-1986 of the Kirby-Smith Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Jacksonville. Graham remains active in genealogical work and has been immensely supportive in all the years I have been involved in Bland research, one of my earliest allies.

Beatrice Bayley Won't You Please Come Home? Here's another one. Elizabeth Bland Ross (would you buy a used flag from Betsy Ross?) sent me one of those breathless announcements for The Bland Family Album, which lists "every Bland home in the U.S." Step right up here boy! Furthermore, because "we have found the Bland name to be rare . . . there will be less that 200 books published," and "P.S., you are already in this book." Send your check for \$32.95 to Elizabeth Ross, Scranton Pennsylvania. Jane Midtby of Denver Colorado sent me an article from the Rocky Mountain News July 15, 1986, indicating that Beatrice Bayley Inc. went out of business in 1986 after an administrative judge permitted the U.S. Postal Service to seize the company's mail. Almost immediately, American Genealogies, offering consumers the same format as the Beatrice Bayley book, sprang up, operated by the same principals as Beatrice Bayley Inc. No doubt these companies continue to operate because of the operation of Barnum's law. Caveat Emptor!

South Carolina Research During a trip to Columbia South Carolina last February, I had the opportunity to gather a lot of new information at the State Archives and at the South Caroliniana Library. Although there is a fair amount of new information, I am postponing publication until Volume 6-1, because a generous member has sponsored a research trip to Edgefield County South Carolina, which I will be taking in late October. I have also learned that an understanding of 18th Century Anson County North Carolina is critical to understanding much subsequent South Carolina History and shall also stop for at least one day's research at the North Carolina Library at Raliegh.

I would be happy to receive any suggestions or insights from any of you who descend from South Carolina lines or have ideas about points to look for there. Please write to me before October 15.

Other Lines Deferred I also have postponed publication of reports on the following lines, pending receipt of better information: (1) James Bland, (1655/1661-1708), founder of the Northern Virginia Bland family and ancestor of most Blands in the United States today. I am most interested in developing further our knowledge of James Bland, who was born in St. Andrews Penrith Parish, Cumberland County England, in 1661, (VU p. 249-254; AC 3-1, p. 7). I believe he is our Northern Virginia ancestor. Anyone planning a research trip to the LDS library, Salt Lake City Utah, or a trip to England, with the time and interest in such work, should contact me.

I have also been attempting to gather information that would substantiate my belief that John Bland (1770-1842) of Cumberland County Kentucky and Ray County Missouri, who married Sarah Lee, was the son of Osborne Bland and his wife Lettice, and a grandson of John Bland and Margaret Osborne of Nelson County Kentucky. I also believe that Daniel Bland (1780/1790-1848) of Pulaski/Conway Counties Arkansas (AC 4-1, pp. 30-32) was a brother of John (1770-1842). To prove these beliefs, further research in the counties along the Virginia/West Virginia borders and in Cumberland County Kentucky is necessary. Researchers such as Joyce Bland McCool of Overland Park, Kansas and Ruby Blann of Lawrence Kansas, already have provided considerable help. Publication of further information about this also is being deferred to Volume 6-1.

Bland Family Cookbook Jane has thus far received about six recipes for her proposed Bland Family Cookbook. Please send your favorite recipes to Jane as soon as possible. We hope to have the recipe book completed with a prototype for display at the Reunion August 15. I should add that credit goes to Nora Elder of Tampa Florida for suggesting the idea to Jane.

1850 Census Joyce Bland McCool and I are collaborating on an annotated book of Blands who appear in the 1850 Census for all states and territories encompassed in that census. If you have information about your family that you think is germane to the subject, please send it to me. I will be glad to include your observations in the book, which will be ready by Spring 1989.

Computers Jane and I purchased an IBM PC XT 089 with a hard disc and a single floppy disk capacity. My projects for 1987 are limited to writing this Newsletter and finishing my dissertation. In 1988, I want to start transferring my material to the computer. If any of you have any ideas about the best IBM compatible software, or particular approaches to transferring massive data into computer files, let me know.

Transition, Robert Walton Bland Those of you who met and enjoyed the company of Robert Walton Bland (1896-1987) at the 1986 reunion in Petersburg Virginia, will share my sense of sadness at the news of his death June 21. I'm certain I speak for everyone in expressing deep regrets to his son Robert O. Bland of Deland Florida. Mr. Bland's photo appeared in the last number of this Newsletter (AC 5-1, p. 24).

VIGNETTES

Clark Bland (1858-1938)

In a previous number, I promised to one day pay a full tribute to Clark Bland, (AC 1-2, p. 23). I am grateful both to Gail Riker of Winslow Arizona and Marjorie Sayles of Abilene Texas for information about Clark Bland, son of John Williamson Petross Bland (1817-1903) and Malinda Porterfield, who moved to Larue, Benton County Arkansas, from Wilson County Tennessee about 1856 (VU, pp. 546-552). Clark was born February 14, 1858 and he married Mary Blackburn October 5, 1881 or 1883. George Clark Bland was one of thirteen children born to John William Petross Bland and Malinda Porterfield. Two sons of Clark Bland and Mary Blackburn, James and Samuel Merritt Bland, already have been noted (AC 1-2, p. 23). One daughter was stillborn and Marvin Bland, a second son died of typhoid fever at age 3, August 1894. Six weeks later, the eldest son, Petross, was kicked to death by a horse. A son William Everett Bland was born in 1902 and died in 1985.

Clark Bland was a minister of The Gospel. His son told a story of Clark's day of reckoning with his destiny. One day, while walking through a forest, Clark happened upon a dove. Grasping a stone, Clark prayed that the Lord would cause him to only clip the bird's wing, thereby sending him a sign that he was to be a minister of God. The dove, clearly hopeful for a clean miss and somewhat dismayed to be the instrument of the Lord's bidding, waited anxiously. Fortunately for the dove and for Clark's future congregation, he was a poor shot, clipped the bird's wing and began his ministry, which he continued at Benton County Arkansas until his death.

Daniel Edgar Bland Willie Lee Moseley of Statesboro Georgia sent me an essay about her uncle Daniel Edgar Bland (1894-1985) whom she says was the family historian and gathered most of the information about the family of William Bland (1797-1873) and Susannah Alderman (1795-1880) who moved from Duplin County N.C. to Bulloch County Georgia. (VU, pp. 301ff). Daniel Edgar Bland was the son of Michael Bland and Ann Rigdon. He married Amelia O'Neal on November 28, 1916. Daniel graduated from

Georgia Southern College in 1916. Dan and his wife remained close to and interested in the college, and donated his home and several acres of land to it when he died. Dan's property was lush with trees and shrubs he had nourished and with small game and birds. He left the land to the College in order to provide a botanical haven for others, especially students of the College who love and appreciate nature. Amelia died in 1983, ending a 67 year marriage to Daniel, who followed her a few years later.

Hamilton Carr Bland In two visits to South Carolina, 1985 and 1987, I found separate stories about Hamilton Carr Bland and his parents James Finley Bland and Mary Johnson (VU, p. 308). James Finley Bland was the son of Isaac Newton Bland (1803-1875) and Mary Elizabeth Alderman (1808-1847) of Duplin-Sampson County North Carolina. After the Civil War, James left home, stopping at Mayesville South Carolina because that "more fine horses and rigs driven by prosperous looking people met the train at Mayesville than at any other place." James established work for himself cutting cross ties and in 1872, returned to North Carolina to fetch his sweetheart Mary Johnson, hauling her off to far away South Carolina. James Finley Bland became a successful local merchant in Mayesville and Sumter.

Hamilton Carr Bland was born September 20, 1880 and died in 1967. As a child, Hamilton was crippled by a disease and walked with a cane for most of his life. He married Coralie Holly in 1905. Hamilton was a man of varied interests, proud of being a front row spectator at the county fair's girlie dance. He was an inveterate tinkerer with clocks, automobiles, and was an amateur photographer. Hamilton bought the third car in South Carolina, a "locomobile steamer" and made another car from scratch. After 1917, he was established as an automobile dealer in Sumter, selling Hudson-Essexes, Oldsmobiles, Saxons, Kissel Cars, Roamers and the Milburne Electric. Hamilton Carr Bland is best remembered, however, as the creator of Swan Lake-Bland Gardens and Heath Gardens, which are a major feature of Sumter. Hamilton Carr Bland nourished the gardens, stocked them with wildlife and exotic flowers and cared for the gardens for many years. In 1938, when A.T. Heath deeded 70 acres to Sumter, the city fathers commissioned Hamilton Carr Bland to develop the gardens. In 1949, Mr. Bland deeded his own property to the city. Swan Lake now is a respite of flowers and plants, swans, geese and other wildlife visited by people from all over the world. It is a living tribute to the thoughtful life of Hamilton Carr Bland, who is a descendant of the Duplin County North Carolina family. 1

1. Mary Cuttino Snyder, Swan Lake Gardens and Mr. Bland (1967) and Cassie Nichols, Historic Sketches of Sumter S.C. II (1981) pp. 181-185.

Ed Bland and Ernie Pyle For two years, I have had a clipping from the Colorado Springs Metro featuring a story about a World War II pilot, Ed Bland of Colorado and his collaboration and friendship with Ernie Pyle. Ed Bland was shot down in his A-36 attack fighter north of Rome and was held prisoner by the Germans for a year and 15 days between April 1944-1945. Pyle was killed in Japan before Ed Bland was released. I came across this friendship again in David Nichols Ed., Ernie's War which had this anecdote:

January 20, 1944 . . . Maj. Ed Bland, a squadron leader, was telling me about coming suddenly over a hilltop one day and finding a German truck right in his gunsights. Now its the natural human impulse, when you see a plane come upon you, to dive for a ditch. But the German gunner in his truck swung a gun around and started shooting at Bland. German and American tracer bullets were streaming back and forth in the same groove, almost hitting each other. The German never stopped firing until Bland's six machine guns chewed the truck into complete disintegration.

Harry Muslich describes a similar incident in his war novel, The Assault, from the perspective of a twelve year old Dutch boy Anton being driven by a German soldier, Schulz, from a small town to Amsterdam:

. . . Anton too saw the plane. No larger than a fly, it flew at a right angle across the road . . . all about him, Anton heard shouting . . . Out of the corner of his eye, he saw . . . Schulz, but Anton could not take his eyes off the small thing that circled over the road and then came at him, growing fast . . . it could not harm him. He was, after all, on their side . . . from below he saw some flashes crackle . . . on the ground, fire broke loose. It whistled and popped and rattled on all sides . . . a second later he was pulled out of his hiding place . . . he heard the wounded moaning. When the plane disappeared into the clouds . . . Anton, his heart still pounding, crossed the road to join the sergeant . . . on the other side of the truck, two soldiers carefully turned a body over. It was Schulz. The side of his chest had become a dark pool of blood and tatters.

VIRGINIA FAMILIES

The James River Blands A new contact, Noelithia Garrett Penland of Redwood City California descends from Susan Bland Pearson, (1609-) who lived in London but had children who moved to Virginia. Susan's younger brothers Edward (1613-1652) and Theodorick (1629-1671) were Bland settlers in Virginia. It has been earlier noted (VU pp. 55-56) that Susan's daughter Susan married John West, and had by him a son John West, whom Mrs. Penland dubs "the elder". John the elder married Ann Harrison and had a daughter, Ann West (1707-) who married Thomas Owsley II (1697-1751), hence the Owsley connection. The fact that all these folk lived in Stafford County Virginia has prompted some researchers to hypothesize a relationship between the original Susannah Bland Pearson to the Blands of Stafford County. I believe the

geographic proximity was incidental and any direct relationship between these two Bland families non-existent; however, I am grateful to Mrs. Penland for providing this additional information.

Robert O. Bland of Deland Florida furnished me with several minor corrections to my analysis of the James River Blands in the last issue (AC 5-1, pp. 8-25). First, please note on page 16, that Peter Randolph Bland (C1765-1824) went to Missouri before he died. On page 22, note that John Archer Bland's estate was inventoried September 22, 1842. Also, it is obvious that John was a debtor. On page 22, my reference to the widow Martha Webster was in error. Martha (1837-) was eighteen, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Webster when she married Robert Emmett Bland on December 5, 1855. Also, on the same page, Mary E. (perhaps Elizabeth) was a daughter of John Archer Bland; Martha Rebecca Bland Jones died March 4, 1903; and dates of Emma Bates Walton, second wife of Robert Emmett Bland were (November 7, 1853 - February 5, 1938).

L.P. Bland of Wakefield Virginia sent to me on August 18, 1986 some supplementary information about the children of William Bland (1742-1803, AC 5-1, pp. 20-22) by his third wife Ann Harwood. Their first child Edward Bland (1786-1822) had a previously unnoted son William Harwood Bland (September 26, 1809 -). Also, Theodorick Bland (1790-1818) married a woman named Ann. In the last issue and previously, I included a man named Ira Bland (1811 -) as a son of Edward Bland and Delilah Walker. Since neither L.P. Bland's source or Corey's genealogy mentioned Ira, I must conclude that he does not belong in this family. 1

Peregrine Bland Poor old Peregrine, (VU, pp. 240-243 and AC 2-2, pp. 9-10). I originally fixed the date of his death at 1650, following a story in the Baltimore Sun for 1906. Rather, his will was probated January 19, 1650/1651. Peregrine did not die by drowning, but in his sleep June 11, 1647. He was found with a "grinne of satisfaction /that/ marked his countenance." Did you ever imagine such a thing? I thought so too but Richard Alfriend's account tells a different story, quoting Francis Yardley (interesting name), who married Mrs. Sarah Offley (pronounced awfully) Thoroughgood Gookin. On the morning of his death, Peregrine ate breakfast at Mrs. Gookin's home. Yardley found him there "lyeing on his right side, his arm under his head and purging at the mouth some frothy blood." Dick says there are still jokes in Norfolk County about eating at Mrs. Gookins, a piece of humor that poor Peregrine probably failed to appreciate.2

What is apparent is that Peregrine, when he died, had only a daughter named Hope Bland. I have a new correspondent, Blanche Blagg of Harris, Missouri who indicates Hope married a man named Beaumont, whose daughter Elizabeth married William Barbee, down through the centuries to my correspondent.

1. Bland Ms. 26776, Genealogical Chart of the Bland Family, Virginia State Library, Cf. AC 4-2, p. 6.
2. Richard Alfriend III to Charles Bland, September 25, 1986.

Descendants of Thomas Bland of Fauquier County Virginia Mary Lou Shadduck of Urbana Illinois submitted some well documented information about Edwin Sloan Bland, whose great grandfather was Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) of Fauquier County Virginia. Edwin's grandparents were Thomas Bland (1765-1792) and Sarah Byrne Bland Zinn (1768-1831) of Fauquier and his parents were Thomas Bland (1793-1867) and Mary Newlon (1796-1879) of Lewis County Virginia/West Virginia, (VU pp. 367-392, esp. 386). Edwin Sloan Bland (October 14, 1835 - February 1, 1903) married Lavinia H. Evans (March 31, 1838 - February 20, 1908) on November 10, 1859. Their marriage produced nine children:

1. George Thomas Bland (August 8, 1860 - October 30, 1923).
2. Mary Newlon Bland (April 1, 1862 - 1936).
3. Edwin Lee Bland (August 2, 1864 -)
4. Harry E. Bland (October 31, 1866 - 1928), who married Sarah C. Kelly on May 12, 1891.
5. Frank Greenwood Bland (July 4, 1869 -) married Mary E. Berry on April 25, 1892. He owned a store at Clarksburg West Virginia.
6. Charles Herbert Bland (September 17, 1871 - 1929).
7. Julia Bland (August 23, 1873 - February 21, 1955) grandmother of Mary Lou Shadduck, married Samuel William Moon on April 13, 1896 and moved with him to Cleveland Ohio.
8. Thomas Edmiston Bland (1877-1879)
9. Earl Dorsey Bland (September 29, 1879 - 1934).

The birth records above were preserved by a Bible Record given to Lavinia Evans by her Grandmother, passed on in time to Mrs. Shadduck. Edwin Bland read law under the tutelage of an uncle Judge John Brannon (VU, p. 385) and was admitted to practice in 1859. He also taught at the public schools of Sutton for many years.

For reasons previously articulated (AC 4-2, pp. 8-9), I also feel strongly that the elder Thomas Bland (1719-1788) was the father of Joseph Bland of Frederick and Monongalia Counties Virginia/West Virginia. No one has shed any concrete light on Joseph's parentage, but two correspondents, Sandra Schwing Kirk of San Jose California and Neil Bland of Lumberport West Virginia have helped to flesh out the family of Richard Bland (1787-1876) Joseph's eldest son. Sandra Kirk is the daughter of Ernestine Lewis, noted previously (VU p. 396). Neil Bland recently uncovered some research completed by George William Bland (1866 - 1941) a grandson of old Richard.

Mrs. Kirk shows that Susan Bailey Johnson, wife of Joseph Bland, died in 1798, the first such notation I have seen. Joseph remarried to Eleanor Benton. Joseph is found in Frederick County Virginia in 1787-1797, and is shown in Monongalia between 1805-1812, but does not

appear in the 1810 census. Thus there is a question whether 1809 or 1812, both dates showing Joseph in property transactions, is accurate as a probable date of his death. Eleanor is shown still living in Monongalia as late as 1830.

Information in George W. Bland's original research produces at least one conflict: previously (AC 4-2, p. 8) I suggested that Mary Bland (1783-1856), who married Jonah Baldwin (1773-1850) was a daughter of Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson, but George W. Bland's research holds that Mary married a Henry Church. Also, George Bland shows a John Bland, of whom nothing more is known, and a variation of my supposition of an Elizabeth Bland, who also could have been the Sarah Bland who married Alexander Timmats.

George W. Bland was primarily concerned with Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson's son Richard Bland (1787-1876), who was his grandfather. Their lives overlapped, and George must have talked to the old man as a boy, as well as to Richard's children and others who knew him. Although one must respect this first hand knowledge of family history, I do here and there disagree, as will be reflected in the following recitation:

The stated date of April 25, 1789 for Richard is incorrect I believe. A Bible Record shows that Richard's brother Thomas (1789-1874) was born on October 13 of the same year. One birth date simply must be in error. The 1850 census shows that Richard was 63 that year, which seems to resolve the issue, so one must accept the dates of (1787-1876). There are three variations of death dates for Richard, April 15, July 4 and September 15. About 1812, Richard married Mary Jobes (January 25, 1795 - January 29, 1851). Secondly, Richard married Sarah Harper, January 27, 1859. In reconciling the information provided by Mrs. Kirk and Neil Bland, it appears that Mary Jobes bore seven children:

1. William J. Bland (August 10, 1813 - February 25, 1881), who was born near Blackville, Monongalia County, and died at Blandville, Dodderidge County. William married first, Sarah Stiles (June 18, 1812 - February 18, 1850) and had by her a family of eight children:

A. Drusilla Bland (August 5, 1834 - December 9, 1913) who married a gunsmith, Samuel T. Sherwood (1828-1900). They had five children.

B. John G. Bland (April 6, 1836 - September 4, 1910) born near Blackville and died at Blandville. John married Elizabeth M. Cowan, (May 19, 1842 - July 25, 1903). Their children were: (1) Arthur Cowan Bland (October 16, 1863 - February 17, 1945) who married Julia Ellen Sutton, (June 5, 1873 - June 8, 1963). Arthur and Julia had children (a) Bruce, (b) Bessie (c) Walter and (d) Edna. Edna was the mother of Ernestine Lewis Schwing and the grandmother of Sandra Schwing Kirk. (2) George William Bland (December 31, 1866 - June 13, 1941), the family historian and a lawyer, who served as State Senator from Dodderidge County 1911-1913. Neil Bland counts it lucky for the family that George had a withered arm, which made it difficult to make an honest living and forced him to become a lawyer and genealogist. George married Lucia Lenore Charter (February 28, 1873 - September 3, 1847) on April 14, 1895. Their children were: (a) Russell, (b) Elizabeth,

(c) Charlotte and (d) Billie; (3) Mary Bland (August 24, 1869 - December 19, 1960), who married B. B. Janes; (4) Joanna Bland, (October 14, 1871 - September 5, 1890); (5) Robert Bland (March 1, 1878 - November 1, 1964) who married Bertha White (1880-1957) at Logan West Virginia in October 1905. I am pleased to display photographs of John G. Bland and Elizabeth Cowan, as well as their son Arthur Cowan Bland and his family on the picture pages.

C. The third child of William J. Bland and Sarah Stiles was Simon Bland (July 14, 1845 - January 21, 1913) who married Clara Greathouse, (December 19, 1852 - February 2, 1930). Their only child was a daughter Blanche, who died in 1930 and married George Griswold.

D. Ann Bland, who married _____ Durton.

E. Mary Bland (1842-1931) who married U.D. McLain (1836-1898).

F. Ruhama Bland (-1910) who married _____ Hickman.

G. Sarah Jane Bland, married _____ Holliday.

H. Richard C. Bland (December 22, 1848 - August 23, 1926) married Perdilla Ann Lowther. (October 5, 1846 - July 31, 1917). Their children were (1) Harvey L. Bland (August 1, 1867 - March 29, 1896); (2) Sarah E. Bland (May 18, 1869 - 1947); (3) Clarence T. Bland (June 12, 1871 - September 1911). Clarence married Maggie Romine Bland, widow of a cousin Lloyd Bland (see below); (4) William S. Bland (June 8, 1873 -); (5) Silas H. Bland (November 10, 1875 -); (6) Okey Bland (August 17, 1877 -); (7) Iva Bland (September 18, 1879 -), who married Boyd Coplin; (8) Myrtle Bland (August 4, 1881 -); (9) Delia Bland (June 28, 1883 -); (10) Mollie Bland (1885-1885); (11) Clay J. Bland (October 13, 1887 -); (12) Clyde Bland (April 30, 1889 - November 9, 1967); (13) Ray Bland (1892-1892).

These were the children of William J. Bland by his first wife Sarah Stiles. On March 3, 1852, William married Drusilla Lowther, by whom he had the following children:

A. Silas Wesley Bland (November 28, 1852 -) who married Sarah Wilson. They had five daughters, Cora, Annie, Odell, Etta and Gertrude.

B. William Thompson Bland (January 20, 1855 or April 1856 -) who married Nancy Sheets.

C. Charles Bland (May 11, 1857 - December 30, 1932) who married Nettie Priest, by whom he had daughters Nellie and Sally.

D. Floyd Bland (May 18, 1859 -) married Ruth _____ and went to Kansas at an early age. Their children were Glenn, Harry and Ruth.

E. Lloyd Bland (February 15, 1861 - March 15, 1896) who married Margaret Romine (see family H (3) above). and had by her four children (1) Cliff Bland (1889 -); (2) Gale Lloyd Bland (December 12, 1891 - March 20, 1970) who married Georgia Savilla Martin (1895-1982). Gale and Georgia had four children including my correspondent Neil Bland; (3) Dora Bland; (4) Mamie Bland (1897 -), who married Clyde Ford and is still living (as of February 1987).

F. Lot Bland (December 10, 1864 - February 25, 1932) Lot married Etta Romine. Their children were Stewart, Goldie, Loshia and Roy.

This concludes the two families of William J. Bland (1813-1881).

The remaining children of Richard Bland and Mary Jobes were:

2. Alicy Bland (December 31, 1818 - May 18, 1900) was the second child of Richard Bland and Mary Jobes. She was born in Blackville and she married Abraham Noble March 17, 1839. They had four children.
3. Joseph Bland (July 14, 1821 -) born near Blackville, married Cassandra _____ and lived in Wetzel County Virginia until 1850, when he went west. Their known children were:
 - A. Thornton Bland (1843 -).
 - B. Rachel Bland (1845 -).
 - C. Mary Bland (1849 -).
4. Richard J. Bland (March 4, 1824 - November 26, 1896) was born near Blackville and died at Blandville. He married Mary Jane Starkey in Tyler County November 6, 1845. Their children were:
 - A. Alaina Bland (1847-1885) who married Edgar M. Davisson and had two children by him.
 - B. Sanford Bland (1850-1923) who married Eliza Ann Childers, and had by her five children: (1) Hyre Bland (September 27, 1852 -); (2) Homer (3) Wallis or Walter (4) Roy (5) Lora (1876 - January 30, 1912) who died of tuberculosis.
 - C. Benton C. Bland (1853 - April 9, 1895) married Hattie Maxwell but had no children by her. Neil Bland believes he married Nellie Oliver of Kentucky, by whom he had two children, Charles and Clay, who died young.
 - D. Charter L. Bland (1854 - 1860) died of diptheria.
 - E. Melvina Bland (March 22, 1859 -) married Sherman Greathouse.
 - F. Levi Judson Bland (1865 - December 6, 1869), who married Laura Cowan, by whom he had four children: (1) Dovener H. Bland (September 9, 1893 -); (2) Lisa J. Bland (1895 - 1939); (3) Fred A. Bland; (4) Rosa Anna Bland (1901 - 1904).
 - G. James L. Bland (December 8, 1867 - February 26, 1904).
 - H. Rachel Alice Bland (1870-1887).
 - I. Nellie Bland, who married Edward L. Lowther.
 - J. John Bland, who died in his teens.
 - K. Mary Bland, who married George L. Swentzel.
5. Mary Ann Bland (May 18, 1827 -).
6. Perdilla Bland (February 15, 1835 -) was born near Blackville. She married John Nelson Bee and had children by him. They moved away to Georgia.
7. Malinda Bland (October 3, 1836 - January 5, 1871) was born near Blackville and died in Harrison County. She married William Matheney on December 14, 1859 and had five children by him.

The Blands of King and Queens County Previously, I made note of a John Blan, who was an early settler in Gloucester County Virginia ,

(VU, p. 392 and AC 4-2, pp. 6-7). Also, there was a Mary Bland, named as a headright in 1653. 1 There is a real challenge, already noted, to explore one possibility that is suggested in extant evidence but would involve detailed research at the LDS library in Salt Lake City, or in England, or both. Successful answers could solve a number of key questions: in St. Andrews, Penrith Parish, Cumberland County England, there was a family of Blands whose origins stretched back into the 16th Century (VU, pp. 249-254 and AC 3-1, pp. 7-8). Two brothers, George (1636 -) and John (1639 -) show no records of death in that county although John was living as late as 1688. George's date of death is uncertain, but I am persuaded (lacking a "smoking gun" for proof) that his son James, born October 21, 1661, is the same man who turned up in St. Mary's Maryland in 1683, and died in Stafford County Virginia in 1708/1709. I have also advanced the less substantial idea that John's son Arthur, born in 1688/1689 was the same man who appeared in St. Mary's Maryland in 1710 (VU, p. 257). This Cumberland County family might also explain the John and Henry Bland in New Kent County between 1699-1704, (VU, p. 392). I have asked every person who writes and seems willing or interested to do any research in Salt Lake City, to help with this. Similarly, someone taking a trip to England with spare time to research in Cumberland (now part of Cumbria) could be most helpful.

Bland Williamson of Tulsa Oklahoma called my attention to Francis Bland, shown in a minute of Petworth Parish in 1773 to be a pauper, as well as information about a Spencer Bland in 1821 and a Ralph Bland previously noted (AC 2-1, p. 20). Nothing more is known of Francis or Spencer.

Linneous Preston Bland of Wakefield Virginia sent me a statement about Thomas Jefferson Bland (1805 - cf. AC 3-2, pp. 19-20) whom I mistakenly placed as a possible son of William Bland and Mary Ann Drummond. Mr. Bland notes that Thomas Jefferson Bland was the son of "Gentleman John Bland" which would make him a brother of Robert Bland (1800-1871). I confess to being somewhat confused about this, but if this is the fit for Thomas Jefferson Bland, he would be the son of Captain Robert Bland (1770-1845) and the brother of Gentleman John and Colonel Robert. This would then move him into a line that goes backward in time to William Bland (1746-1788) and William Bland (1725-1783). 2

At the 1986 National Reunion, William Claiborne Haynes of Richmond Virginia favored me with a number of documents about Zachariah Bland (1817 -) and his wife Delilah Didlake (- 1871). This prompted me to a realization that I did not have the complete line for Zachariah Bland, who after long debate in this Newsletter, I have concluded is part of the King and Queen County family. Children of Zachariah Bland and Delilah Didlake were:

1. Priscilla Bland (1843 -), who married Lewis Wood.

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1. Records of Colonial Gloucester County Virginia, p. 17.
 2. I spoke to L.P. Bland, now 86, on July 2, 1987. Although he was not doing well during the winter and spring, he says that lately he has been feeling better.

2. James Royston Bland (1845-1863) James was a confederate soldier who died near Charleston South Carolina.
3. William Claiborne Bland (June 19, 1847 - December 14, 1933) who married Virginia Adelaide Groome (August 9, 1853 - February 4, 1934). Among their children were William Christopher Bland (July 20, 1871 - November 19, 1958); Emma Julia Bland (January 5, 1875 - October 11, 1911); Joseph Henry Bland (April 20, 1877 - January 28, 1974); and Leroy Banks Bland (October 10, 1893 -). I am pleased to display photographs of William Claiborne Bland and his wife, as well as several children, on the picture pages.
4. Mary Bland (1855 -) who married Curtis Milby.
5. Joshua Thomas Bland (1856 -) who married Sarah Fletcher.
6. Linneous Payne Bland (September 20, 1859 - 1901), who married Mary Ellen Padgett (December 27, 1860 - August 1927). They were parents of Linneous Preston Bland.
7. Ann Wood Bland Born after 1860.

The Blands of Pendleton County Virginia I have received several useful updates of information about the children and descendants of Thomas Bland (C1740-1826) and his wives Margaret _____ and Rachel Shoulders, (VU pp. 398-399; AC 2-2, pp. 14-23; AC 3-2, pp. 23-27 and AC 4-2, pp. 9-20, 41). Significantly, Edith Lanning of Ocala Florida has turned up a fairly accurate tombstone record showing Rachel Shoulders' dates as 1773-1851. Mrs. Lanning has turned up new information about Thomas' first son John Bland (1764-1839), including John's second son William Bland, who was born in the 1790s and married Sidney Gadd (1804 -) on September 30, 1824, in Muskingum County Ohio. The 1850 Census shows Sidney living alone with Saul Bland (1825 -) and Margaret Bland (1828 -). From Edith's writings, it appears that William Bland died in 1830, and before marrying Sidney Gadd, he may have married Margaret Lane on November 14, 1820. The 1860 census also shows that the above Saul and Margaret Bland were son and daughter in law of William Bland and Sidney Gadd. By 1860, they are living close to Sidney and are shown as aged 35 and 31 respectively, with children Alphaena Bland (1853 -); Francis M. Bland (1854 -); Columbia Bland (1856 -); William Bland (1857 -); and Flora Bland (1859 -).

The 1850 Census shows a daughter in law Ellen Bland (1822-) living close by with David Bland (1842 -); Ivy S. Bland (1844 -); Cliffie Bland (1848 -) and Clintie Bland (1848 -) perhaps twins.

Edith has shown that Henry Bland, third son of John Bland (1764-1839) married Elizabeth Dettenheffer on March 20, 1828 in Muskingum County.

Silas Bland, fourth child of John Bland, born about 1800, soon after the family's arrival at Zanesville, Muskingum County, married Harriet Cooksey, March 6, 1826 in Muskingum. By 1850, Silas was in Licking County, Perry Township.

The fifth child of John Bland (1764-1839) was Joel Bland (1806-) who married Harriet Dettenheffer (1811 -) on October 31, 1831. The 1850 Census shows Joel and Harriet in Licking County, Perry township, with the following family: (1) Ebenezer Bland (1832 -); (2) Ambrose Bland (1833 -); (3) Mary E. Bland (1835 -); (4) Nancy J. Bland (1837 -); and (5) Silas Bland (1840 -), who married Sidney M. _____ (1855 -) and had by her, (a) Elizabeth Bland (1877 -); (b) Dora Bland (1881 -); (c) Cleveland Bland (1884 -), and (d) Beha May Bland (1888 -); (6) Augustus Bland (1842 -); (7) Catherine Bland (1844 -); (8) John Bland (1848 -).

The sixth child of John Bland (1764-1839) was Ebenezer Bland (1812 -), who married Harriet (1819 -) about 1840. Their children were (1) Jerome Bland (1841 -) who by 1880 was in Crawford County Ohio with his wife Lucy M. Bland (1849 -) and children (a) Hattie Belle (1871 -) and (b) Ebenezer (1876); (2) Belmeor Bland (1843 -); (3) Horatio Bland (1845 -); (4) Howard Bland (1848 -); (5) Mary Jane Bland (1850 -); (6) Frances M. Bland (1853 -); (7) Charles A. Bland (1855 -); (8) Alice A. Bland (1857 -) and (9) George Bland (1860 -).

John Bland (C1813/1814 -) was the seventh child of John Bland (1764-1839). John's other children include Anna, Polly (1802 -) who married Jacob Wolf in Muskingum County on January 1, 1822, Sidney Bland (C1809 -) who married Isaac Beard May 24, 1827 in Muskingum County, Margaret Bland (C1813-) who married William Campbell on August 10, 1831, Mary Ellen Bland, who married John J. Means on February 16, 1832 and Martha Bland (December 5, 1814 - June 7, 1884) who married John Lane October 27, 1835. These are the children of John Bland (1764-1839).

Following John Bland is the immense family of Thomas Bland's second son Henry Bland (1770-1853) who had twenty four children by his two wives, Margaret Weirich and Mary Dolley. Edith Lanning has updated information about Henry's third son Saul Bland (1800-1877) and his wife Abigail Phares:

1. Peter Bland (1824-1870) (AC 2-2, p. 16 and 4-2, p. 12).
2. John Bland (1825-1900) (AC 2-2, p. 16 and 4-2, p. 12).
3. Mary Ann Bland (June 9, 1827 - November 9, 1910) who married Peleg Cranston (1826-1911) on December 24, 1846, and moved with him to Ohio.
4. Sarah J. Bland (January 11, 1829 - March 18, 1850), who married John Cranston (1829 - 1877) on November 11, 1847, and moved to Ohio.
5. Emeline Bland (December 2, 1831 - March 20, 1907) who married John Cranston, widower of her sister Sarah, who evidently found the Bland girls to his liking, on December 1, 1850.
6. Melchiza Bland (1833 - 1905) (AC 2-2, p. 16, 4-2, p. 13).
7. Emily Bland (January 30, 1835 - September 4, 1893), who married Alson Bronson (1826-1892) on August 30, 1855. Emily and Alson Bronson moved from Ohio to Indiana where, by and by, they died.

8. Eliza Jane Bland (February 3, 1837 - April 23, 1908) who married Ira Mitchell (1835-1883) on October 14, 1858. Born and died in Ohio.
9. Oliver F. Bland (March 6, 1840 -) born in Ohio.
10. Susan Bland (March 4, 1842 - March 25, 1905) born and died in Ohio, married Albert Witter February 2, 1867.
11. Huldah Bland (April 13, 1844 -) born and died in Ohio, Huldah married Elias Hathaway September 25, 1867.
12. George Washington Bland (July 2, 1847 - January 5, 1912) born in Ohio, died in Michigan, married Mercy M. Turner, March 20, 1873. Their children were Harold Bland (May 29, 1875 -) and Clarence (1877-1877).

Eunice Hubert of Sidney Illinois has submitted some very valuable information that substantially revises several children of Eli Bland (1797-1862) who married Annie Haigler (1806 -) in 1824, (AC 2-2, pp. 17-18 and 4-2, pp. 11-12). A tombstone was found by Mrs. Hubert in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Foosland Illinois, showing dates for Eli's son Amos Bland (April 4, 1832 - December 18, 1912) and for his wife Mary M. Hevener (August 26, 1836 - February 8, 1913). With them is a tombstone for their son Henry Bland whose dates were shown as (January 4, 1864 - July 17, 1889). These dates correspond with and improve upon previous information (AC 2-2, p. 17 and 4-2, p. 11).

Mrs. Hubert also produced birth records for George Bland (October 12, 1878 -) eighth child of Amos Bland and Mary Hevener, and their daughter Julia, who was born in 1870 and applied to marry George Blaich of St. Louis Illinois on September 19, 1893. The Mount Hope Cemetery also yielded information about George Washington Bland (April 25, 1836 -) fifth child of Eli Bland and Annie Haigler, and his wife Virginia (Jennie) Whitecotton (July 6, 1844 - July 7, 1904).

Mrs. Hubert's major contribution, however, was further information, including excellent photos, of James Stickley Bland (1845-1917), ninth child of Eli Bland and Annie Haigler, and his wife Elizabeth Helmick (1851-1941), previously called Hemlick, (AC 2-2, p. 18; AC 4-2, pp. 11-12). Their children were:

1. Ashby Stickley Bland (1871 - 1961), whose first wife was Belle Dever (1878-1918). Late in his life, Ashby entered into a December marriage with Emma B. Poug (1882 - 1965). Ashby is buried near Urbana Illinois.
2. Mary Bland (1874 - 1978), who married Theodore Lappin. She is buried in the Asbury Cemetery near Green Hill Indiana. Eunice Hubert provided photos of Mary, both as a young woman and in her last years.
3. Harriet Bland, who married first, Mike Walden and second, Clayton Wilson. Harriet died in Ohio.
4. Walter Elihu Bland (1878 - 1964) who married Lena May Wilson (1884 - 1930).

5. Ewell Bland (1881 - 1899).
6. Surrade Bessie Bland (September 3, 1883 - December 3, 1912) who married Herman Ogden.
7. Clara Delle Bland (1885 - 1949) who married Richard Dever.
8. Bertha Bland (1850 - 1898).

On the picture pages, I am happy to display photos of this family, including Annie Haigler Bland, James Stickley Bland and Elizabeth Helmick, and young pictures of Ashby Stickley Bland and Belle Dever and Mary Bland Lappin.

In the Muskingum County Ohio records, Edith Lanning found a marriage between Amy Bland and Silas Keane on August 2, 1812. The 1880 Census for Crawford County Ohio showed Henry Bland (1815 -) born in Virginia, with Sarah Bland (1817 -) born in Ohio. Living with them was Boyd J. Bland (1859 -) and his wife Effie M. Bland (1864 -). Nearby was Martha Wine, (1841 -) a widow and daughter of Henry Bland living with two sons Elias and Boyd. Also in Crawford County was Thomas Bland (1846 -) born in Ohio and his wife Sarah (1852 -) born in Pennsylvania, with their children John (1871 -), Charlotte (1872 (1872 -), and Henry (1875 -), all born in Ohio. Nearby was John Bland (1851 -) and Mary Jane Bland (1855 -) his wife, with children Lilla D. Bland (1873 -), Nancy Bland (1875 -) and Samuel Bland (1878 -).

Finally, in Crawford County, Edith Lanning found William Bland (1831 -) from England and Elizabeth Bland (1839 -) from Pennsylvania. Their children were William F. Bland (1859 -), Mary Bland (1863 -), Jennie Bland (1869 -) and Merton W. Bland (1878 -). In Licking County, Edith Lanning found in the 1880 census Joell H. Bland (1846 -) and a wife Marietta Bland (1846 -) with children Celestia, (1868 -), Harriet L. (1871 -) and Silas H. (1876 -).

An Hypothesis about the Mecklenburg County Virginia Family

New information provided by Francis H. Bland of Paragould Arkansas and Marilieu Bland Stanley of Dallas Texas, both anxious to extend their known family lines further back, suggest the value of going over some previously covered ground about the family of Bland's that originated in Brunswick/Lunenburg/Mecklenburg County Virginia, migrated to Wilson County Tennessee (now evidently to Fayette County Tennessee as well) and from thence to Benton County Arkansas, at the intersection of Missouri and Oklahoma, and to Osage, Coryell County Texas (VU, pp. 548-552; AC 1-1, p. 16; 1-2, pp. 23-25; 2-1, pp. 24 and attach. 11-12; and 2-2, pp. 37-37A. Also, AC 4-1, pp. 26-27)

The family begins with Samuel Bland (C1700-1755) and his wife Martha Merritt, with records appearing in Lunenburg and Warwick Counties, Virginia. From the records, it appears that Samuel and Martha had three sons, 1. Merritt (various spellings occur) (C1730 - 1773) Thomas (C1732) and Samuel, living in 1760. Of these sons, detailed

information was supplied to Marjorie Bland Sayles about Merritt. 1

Merritt's will included a wife Sarah, with sons Samuel, (1752-1820), John (now figured C1754/1760 - 1808), daughters Martha and Elizabeth and a third possible daughter Ann Russell, whose son Thomas was mentioned in Merritt's will. Of these, there is now the following.

1. Samuel Bland (C1752-1820) lived and died in Mecklenburg County Virginia. He married Elizabeth Williamson in Charlotte County Virginia June 12, 1781. In his will of 1820, Samuel mentioned the following children:

A. Williamson Bland (1782 - after 1856) born in Mecklenburg Virginia, died probably in Wilson Tennessee or Benton County Arkansas. Dee Swift doubted that Williamson died in 1850. According to her he "returned" to Wilson Tennessee and hewed some tombstones after 1856. Williamson married Dorcas Williams (1782-1836) in 1806 in Mecklenburg County Virginia. About 1829, their family moved to Wilson County Tennessee. Their children were as follows: (1) Samuel L. Bland (1808 - 1832) who married Mahalia Brinkley in 1830. Samuel choked to death on a fish bone; (2) Sarah Ann Bland (1809 - C1860) who married Archibald Cox in Virginia; (3) Celia E. Bland (1813 - 1873) of whom Dee Swift commented "not bright, but not an idiot either." Anyway, she went to Benton County Arkansas with her siblings and none of the Tennessee boys ever got her; (4) Elizabeth Bland (1815-1872) who married "Dry Billy" Patterson in 1833 and died in Benton County Arkansas; (5) John Williamson Petross Bland (1817-1903) who married Malinda Jane Porterfield on October 9, 1844 in Wilson Tennessee. They moved to Benton County Arkansas in 1856. Their family, previously noted courtesy of Gail Riker of Winslow Arizona (AC 1-1, p. 16) is reiterated here: (a) Mary Ann Elizabeth Bland (1847 -) who married Edward Jennings in Larue, Benton County Arkansas; (b) James Bland (1848 -) who married Tennessee Ryan; (c) Samuel Merritt Bland (June 17, 1849 - April 28, 1911) married Amanda Catherine Tucker on October 22, 1871. (d) Sarah Parilee Bland (1853-1936) married to Marion Carter and John David Garner; (e) William Richard Lafayette Bland (1855-1922) died at Larue, Benton County Arkansas. He did not marry; (f) George Clark Bland (1858-1938) (see p. 6 above); (g) Susan Elizabeth Bland (1860 -) born in Benton County. She married James Reynolds; (h) James Newton Bland (1865-1867); (6) William David "Billy" Bland (1820 -) born in Virginia and died in Osage, Coryell County Texas. He married Melissa Lavinia Beadle in 1839; (7) Mary Jane Bland (- 1850) died in Wilson Tennessee. She married Thomas Patton in 1841; (8) Francis Marion Marcus deLafayette Bland (1829-1910) called "Fayte" not without some irony. He died at Coryell County Texas and married Elizabeth Dimmitt Porterfield (1833-1900) a sister of Malinda Jane Porterfield, noted above. Their children were (a) Mary Jane Bland (1854 - 1913) who married W. Van Triase; (b) John William Carroll Bland (1858-1946) who married Lockey Tennessee Craddock (1860-1947) (Cf AC 2-2, p. 37A).

1. Dee Swift to Marjorie Bland Sayles, December 31, 1975.

(c) Marian Florina Bland (1861-1936) who married Jesse Abner Graham in 1892; (d) Jefferson Davis Bland (1866 - 1898), whose name and birth date signifies that old Fayette got right back to it after the Civil War and expressed his sentiments about the outcome of the war, married Prudence Edwards in 1892; (e) Rosalie Alice Bland (1870-1961) who married Wreps Crawford Nettles in 1888; (f) Joe Harvey Bland (1877-1945) who married Mary Shannon.

B. John Bland (- 1813) died in the War of 1812. For his services, he got a grant for land in what became Arkansas, which seems to have dictated the migratory pattern of his siblings. Williamson bought the shares of his sisters, who included Elizabeth, who married a Norvill; Rebecca, who married a Carpenter and Frances, who married John Hudson in 1801.

Noting that nothing has heretofore been discovered about Merritt and Sarah Bland's son John, and working within the possibilities left open by previous research, Francis H. Bland of Paragould Arkansas has suggested the following. John was born C1754/1760 and died sometime before December 21, 1809, when a widow Sally Bland married James Goodwin in Rutherford County Tennessee. There is a record of a marriage between John Bland (C1754-1808) and Sally Burnett in Mecklenburg County Virginia, April 22, 1794. This marriage was witnessed by Thomas Burnett and consent for Sally's marriage to John was given by her mother Elizabeth Burnett, suggesting among other things that Sally was born no earlier than 1776. What ties this information together is a Rutherford County Tennessee Court Order Book entry (Minute Book E, p. 11) January 8, 1811, ordering John Hill and **Theophilus** A. Cannon be appointed to settle with Reuben Burnett, guardian of the children of John Bland, deceased. From this, one would conclude that Sally Burnett Bland Goodwin died shortly after her second marriage and that Reuben Burnett, possibly a brother, assumed guardianship of her minor children, none older than 16 at the time. What follows is logical placement of families, with some revision of previously noted information (AC 4-1, pp. 26-27). In 1820, Rutherford County Tennessee, John Bland, age 16-26 lives with a female also 16-26. This corresponds with John Bland (1803 - 1856) born in Virginia, with a wife Elizabeth (1804 -) also from Virginia. The Rutherford County census showed John living close to Reuben Burnett and would indicate that John and Elizabeth already were married, not unusual behavior for an orphan (the assumption if that John was the son of John Bland and Sally Burnett). This would suggest that the eldest child of John and Elizabeth was Susan (1822 -) who married a Hargett, but was widowed by 1850, when she was shown living with John and Elizabeth. John and Elizabeth are found again in the 1830 census in Davidson County Tennessee and in 1850 they are found in Haywood County Tennessee. To recap their family (1) Susan Bland (1822 -) who married a Hargett and was widowed by 1850; (2) Calvin Bland (1826 -) who was married to M.E. _____ (1830 -), with two daughters M.E. (1853 -) and M.F. (1855 -). (3) Eliza Bland (1828 -) who married Thomas Layman in Gibson County Tennessee January 6, 1848; (4) Charles Bland (1835 -) who married Elizabeth Beard of Baird in 1860; (5) William Bland (1838 -); (6) Sophronia Bland (1840 -) married James B. Hughes December 27, 1856; (7) Amanda Bland

(1846-) married C.E. Petty July 25, 1883; (8) Elizabeth (C1851-).

In a prior analysis of this family, (VU 4-1, p. 26) I suggested that Charles Bland (1804 -) and his wife Nancy Cates, whom he married in 1825 and with whom he was living in Haywood County in 1850, was closely related to John (1803-1856). Francis H. Bland asserts that they were brothers. Their children included Solomon Bland (1828 -), who left Haywood County about 1854 and returned to Rutherford, where he married Nancy (1836 -) and had by her two children by 1860 (AC 4-1, p. 25). The remainder of Charles and Nancy's family was previously noted (AC 4-1, p. 26). Francis H. Bland thinks that a possible sister of John and Charles would be Elizabeth Bland who married Burrus W. Rippetoe in Rutherford County July 16, 1825.

Lacking specific information but noting a fairly close similarity of movements from Virginia to Tennessee to Arkansas, I would like to suggest that Cornelius Bland (1780/1790 -) who was in Fayette adjacent to Shelby County at the western extreme of Tennessee in 1830, had a close relationship to John Bland (1803-1856) possibly as a half-brother through a marriage by John Bland (C1754 - 1808) that was antecedent to Sally Burnett. The 1830 census, Fayette County Tennessee finds Cornelius with the following family: 2 males <5; 1 male 5-10; one male and one female 10-15; one male 15-20; one male and one female 20-30; one male (Cornelius) 40-50. The 1880 census for Addison Bland in Benton County Arkansas shows that Cornelius and his wife, name unknown, were born in Virginia. Researching Rutherford County Tennessee, Francis H. Bland found an 1842 court order granting power of attorney to Cornelius for his siblings, William, Jesse and Eleanor. Marilieu Bland Stanley of Dallas Texas has submitted the following information about children of Cornelius Bland:

1. Daniel M. Bland (1823/1830 - June 3, 1905) was born in Tennessee and died "West at Cane" in Washington County, just adjacent to Benton County Arkansas. In the 1900 Census, Daniel lived in Oklahoma. Daniel married Lucinda (C1831 -) about 1852. Their children were:

A. M.E. Bland (1854 -) a female, perhaps a phonetic of Emmy, who was gone from her parents home by 1880.

B. Virginia Elizabeth Bland (1856 -) born in Tennessee and died in Sand Springs Oklahoma. She married William Ellis.

C. Charles W. Bland (January 17, 1860 - September 24, 1905) who married Molly Hartley about 1882. Their children were (1) Lucy E. Bland (1885 - 1915) born in Arkansas, died in Hot Springs South Dakota. She married Lewis E. Lincoln of Oklahoma; (2) Daniel Patrick Elton Bland (1886 - 1958) who was born in Arkansas and died in Stroud, Lincoln County Oklahoma. Daniel married Dottie Stipp in 1911; (3) William Henry Bland (1891 -) was born in Arkansas, died at Tulsa Oklahoma. He married Loy Fay Hyder of Black Dog, Osage County Oklahoma, a step daughter of Charles W. Bland's brother Lewis C. Bland (1867 - 1915); (4) Rosanna Bland, (1892 -) died at Stroud Oklahoma. She married George Hicks of Oklahoma; (5) Kate Minerva Bland (1895 - 1926) born in Arkansas, died in Bartlesville Oklahoma, married a native American, Billy Hoxie from Lincoln County Oklahoma; (6) Dewey Edward Bland (June 1898 - May 3, 1923) the father of Marilieu Bland Stanley. Dewey was born in Oklahoma and died there at Bartlesville, struck by lightning. Dewey married Mattie Evelyn Brown, whose mother, interestingly enough

was Mattie Evelyn Bland (1879 - 1929) who married James Alonzo Brown (- 1930). Mattie's mother is unknown, but from Georgia and her father James Bland from South Carolina, who died at age 32 (precise dates unknown). Mattie had the following siblings: James (1873 -) born in Garvin County Oklahoma and died in Holderman Oklahoma; Anderson Bland (1878 -) also of Garvin County but born in Texas; Ross, Charles Molly and Fanny, who married Ben Duckworth. As a child, Molly was kidnapped, which explains why Anderson was born in Texas in 1878 and Mattie a year later was born in Mississippi; (7) Gertrude Bland (1905 - 1980) born in Stroud Oklahoma, died in Miami Oklahoma. She married a native American Frank Labadie.

D. Franklin Addison Bland (June 30, 1863 - April 13, 1931) was born in Tennessee and died at Tahlequah Oklahoma. Frank married Mary Elizabeth Reed (- 1953). Their children were (1) Hugh Bland (1896 - 1963) of Fort Smith Arkansas, who married Anne Johnson Brundige of Alabama (1902-1978) and (2) Eva Bland (1898 - 1966) of Tahlequah Oklahoma who married Cliff Abercrombie.

2. Addison W. Bland (1827 -) was born in Tennessee. He married Elizabeth W. Massey (1828 - October 31, 1874) on December 13, 1848. Addison and Elizabeth are buried at the Old Union Cemetery in Memphis Tennessee. Their children were:

- A. Cornelius (1850 - died young)
- B. Thomas M. Bland (1851 -)
- C. Effie Bland (1854 -) shown as F.E. in the 1860 census.
- D. Madora (1856 -)
- E. Annie (1859 -)
- F. Moses D. (1868 - Must have died young)

Only Effie remains with her parents in the 1870 census. The gap between Annie and Moses may suggest a Civil War stint for Addison.

The fact that this family of Cornelius Bland was somehow associated with the Mecklenburg County Virginia family and lived in close proximity in Shelby County Tennessee at the same time with various families from Pitt County North Carolina (AC 2-1, pp. 22-23 and 3-2, pp. 40-42) suggests the possibility of a connection between the two families that reaches back into Virginia. I would add some semblance of a relationship between the two families in the name of **Theophilus** Cannon (above p. 20). It should be noted that Theophilus is a name that occurs early in the history of the Pitt County family, in Theophilus Bland (C1770-1840) son of George Bland (C1734-1797) by his second marriage. Purely speculative evidence this, but provides at least a clue to who George belongs to. This entire range of issues provides grounds for further research that could make sense of a heretofore confused aspect of the family's history.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BLANDS

The Blands of Randolph County During the past three years, Kay Monroe who is a resourceful and thorough researcher from Sullivan Indiana has done a marvelous job of collecting information about the various Blands who migrated early in the 19th Century from Randolph county North Carolina to Sullivan and adjacent counties. In what follows, I hope to

show clearly what Kay has gathered about three children of Moses Bland (C1772 - after 1850) and his wife Nancy Boaz.

The third child of Moses and Nancy was William L. Bland (C1812-1852) (previously VU pp. 349-350, AC 3-1, pp. 21-26 and 4-1, pp. 7-8). William married Polly Pennock (C1810-1877) of New York on April 9, 1831 in Jennings County Indiana. Polly Pennock Bland remarried on May 10, 1854 to Henry Wood. William and Polly had eight children:

1. Sarah Jane Bland (C1832 - November 3, 1900). Sarah Jane left home about 1846 to marry (1) _____ Brown. She had a daughter by him, but on April 11, 1850 Sarah Jane remarried to (2) Silas Scott in Sullivan County. According to Sarah Jane, however, Scott was an alcoholic and a sadistic brute who beat and abused her and their children. After 26 years of marriage, Sarah Jane filed for divorce on July 24, 1876. Silas quickly remarried to another Bland woman, Mariah Cynthia Bland, daughter of William L. Bland's brother Minor Bland. Mariah, as we shall see, did not discriminate finely between husbands and she made quick work of old Silas. Subsequently, Sarah Jane married (3) Joseph Briggs on May 17, 1878, and lived happily ever after.
2. Almira Bland (C1835 -) married Thomas Carrithers (1856 -) in 1884, thus reversing the norm of old men marrying child-women, (AC 4-1, p. 7).
3. Nancy E. Bland (C1837 -) no marriage record is found. On October 23, 1862, Nancy gave birth to Alice Bland (October 23, 1862 - January 4, 1931). Alice married (1) John Vannorsdoll on May 7, 1878 and (2) Lewis Napoleon Wills on November 4, 1885. Special thanks to Peter Norvall Wills, Sullivan Indiana, for providing this to Kay Monroe.
4. Mary Ann Bland (C1839 -) who may have married John F. Heath.
5. Elizabeth Bland (C1841 -) was shown in the 1860 census working as a servant near the home of her mother and step-father Henry Wood. Who she married, if anyone, is not known.
6. Mariah Bland (1843-1893) married Elisha Hadden and moved to Sumner County Kansas (AC 4-1, p. 8).
7. William A. Bland (1845 - 1883) (AC 2-1, pp. 10-11; 2-2, p. 34; 3-1, p. 24 and 4-1, p. 8).
8. Moses J. Bland (May 29, 1848 - May 20, 1920) previously noted, see William A. Bland above.

The fourth child of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz was Richard Anderson Bland (1815-1904) who married Eusebia Mason and Millie Allen (VU, p. 349 and AC 4-1, pp. 8-9). I am pleased to display on the picture pages a photograph of Nancy Ann Bland (1836-1917), first daughter of Richard Anderson Bland and Eusebia Mason, with her husband Levi Hunt. I have always been intrigued by the name of their first child Thomas Bunyan Hunt (1855-1871) because my grandfather, with little possible relationship, was named Thomas Bunyan Bland.

The sixth and final child of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz was Minor Bland (1818-1879) who married Elizabeth Knotts (1822-1854) and Lucinda Morin (1826-1906) (VU p. 349 and AC 4-1, pp. 9-10). An interesting insight into Lucinda Morin is that she was the daughter of Walter Morin (1772 -) shown as a Virginian in 1850 and Margaret Bland, (1795 -), shown as a Virginian in 1850 and from North Carolina in 1860. There is no proof about the origins of Margaret Bland, but four possibilities are offered by Jane Midtby of Denver Colorado: (1) She was the daughter of the elder William Bland (C1751 - 1801) of Randolph County North Carolina; (2) She was a daughter of William's son William, who died in Clark County Indiana after 1828; (3) She was a daughter of Benjamin Bland, brother of the elder William; (4) She was the daughter of Moses Bland, (C1772-1850) by his first marriage to an unknown woman, (AC 3-1, pp. 22-25 and 4-1, p. 6). Whatever the case, ties were close. The story of Minor Bland and his two wives have been fairly fully told (AC 4-1, pp. 9-10), but Minor's first child, Mariah Cynthia Bland, is worthy of update. My former note that Mariah married Alfred Williams in 1882 (AC 4-1, p. 9) was in error. Mariah married Alfred Williams about 1860, and tarried with him until about 1873, when she married a man named Polk. Thirdly, Mariah picked up from her cousin Sarah Jane Bland Brown Scott, a thoroughgoing rascal in Silas Scott, whom Sarah Jane had just divorced in July 1876. Mariah married Silas Scott on December 22, 1876, and quickly settled his hash, for old Silas died in 1878. On October 30, 1878, Mariah married yet a fourth time to George William Gaines. Poor old Gaines. On April 22, 1882, Mariah, now a crisp 41, married a much younger man, Ransom Dale, then aged 22. She kept him out in the chicken coop and young Ransom caused Mariah no trouble.

Eliza Jane Bland, first child of Minor Bland and Lucinda Morin, was noted in the 1880 census as "afflicted". She married Christopher Columbus Dale on June 5, 1887.

Dorothy Thomas of West Covina California wrote to me that she was descended from Abel Bland (1788-1863) and Ann James, (VU p. 347, AC 2-2, pp. 35-36 and 3-1, p. 25). Mrs. Thomas provided me with a tidbit that showed she was descended from Abel through a son Preston Bland (September 26, 1818 - March 11, 1895) who married Mary Reed at Hempstead Arkansas about 1836. They had a child, Carolina Bland (March 8, 1850 - October 18, 1928) who married John Henderson Grounds in Arkansas about 1873. Though I did not hear from Mrs. Thomas again, I should note that there is some correspondence in previously provided information by Vera Bland of Pasadena Texas. According to Vera Bland, Abel had a son Benjamin Bland (1815-1859) who married a Martha Reid, who was born in Indiana, as were Preston and Benjamin. The name Preston may also suggest a link to what would appear to be a couple in Marshall County Tennessee in 1850, John Bland (1777 -) and Lucinda Bland (1777 -) living near two sons, Jonathan (1812 -) married to Lucy Ann Tuley (1822 -) with a son Preston Monroe (1845 -1918) among others, and Thomas (1820 -) with Mary A. Bland (1830 -) and their children, (AC 3-2, pp. 40-41 and 4-1, p. 24). Abel Bland, of course leads to Moses Bland (C1718-1800) of Prince William County Virginia and Randolph County North Carolina

Vera Bland, Pasadena Texas, has suggested a further link to the

family of Abel Bland, which also should be germane to those interersted in the discussion about the (Above, pp. 18-22, esp. 21, re Solomon Bland, and AC 4-1, p. 25). Joseph Bland (1832-), his parentage unknown, and Henrietta (1837 -) a wife or sister, are shown living in Davidson County Tennessee, with a boy named Green Burnett. Vera indicates that a Green Bennett turned up twice in the household of Abel Bland, the same age as Benjamin (1815-1859). The presence of this family (Joseph and Henrietta Bland and Green Burnett) Davidson County with Solomon Bland, who has a more palpable connection to the Mecklenburg County Virginia family, suggests further linkage.

Finally, Phyllis Goff of Redwood City California has sent me information that implies William Lawrence and his wife Catherine Bland, probably the Caty in the will of Moses Bland (C1718-1800, AC 1-1, attach. 13, and 2-1, p. 10) were in Washington County Kentucky until about 1815, closely related to the Washington County Blands, after which they moved to Clark County Indiana, as did many of the Randolph County North Carolina Blands at about the same time (See discussion below (pp. 27)).

The Blands of Chatham County North Carolina David Heath of Atlanta Georgia sends information that surely will be of interest to descendants from James Bland (C1749-1799) of Duplin-Chatham County North Carolina, who migrated into Indiana during the early 1820s. First, Sarah C. Bland, the woman previously noted as the last child of Jacob Bland (C1779-1839) and Nancy Richardson, (AC 3-2, p. 37) was actually the fourth with dates recorded on a tombstone (January 8, 1808 - April 10, 1882). Sarah married George W. Wilkie on January 30, 1840 and is buried at the Wilkie Cemetery in Highland, Greene County. Mary Bland, third daughter of Jacob and Nancy, was still living as of July 2, 1842, when she gave birth to a son. She died between the 1842 date and 1848, when her husband Wyatt Miller married Elizabeth Padget.

THE KENTUCKY BLANDS

The Mason County Blands Czerna Nall of Lakeport California sent an ancestor chart which showed Mariah Bland, born in 1799 in Mason County, died in St. Louis County Missouri, February 1885. She was the daughter of James Bland (C1761 - 1802) of the Prince William County Virginia family, and his wife Margaret _____ (VU. p. 407, AC 4-2, p. 24).

The Nelson County Blands

The Children of William Bland (1765-1850) and Sarah Peake (1769-1844): Previously, (AC 4-2, p. 30) I noted that William and Sarah had two sons who migrated to Missouri. Joyce McCool of Overland Park Kansas has found them in Cedar County Missouri, living side by side for the 1850 census. John Bland, (1795 -) born in Virginia, with his wife Rebecca Rene or more likely Raine, (1805 -), born in Ohio, are shown with five children, Nancy Bland (1825 -); William Bland (1829 -), beside whom the census taker wrote "gone to California"; John Bland, (1832 -); Daniel Bland (1834 -); and George Bland (1844 -). It would appear that this family lived in Ohio from about 1825-1829 and in

Illinois from 1829-1844 at least, before moving to Missouri.

John's brother Daniel (1803 -) was shown born in Virginia, as was John (this was almost certainly an error). His wife was Narcissa (1813 -) born in Tennessee. A clue to Narcissa's maiden name may be the presence of Eliza and Andrew Babb, 17 and 18 respectively, with a baby Mary Babb, six months, living in the same household. Daniel and Narcissa had the following children in 1850: Martha Bland (1832 -); Mary Bland (1835 -); William Bland (1837 -); Elizabeth Bland (1840 -); John M. Bland (1843 -); Frances Bland (1846 -); and Joseph Bland (1849 -). Daniel Bland and his family appear to have lived in Illinois between 1832-1837, and in Missouri from 1837-1850.

Children of Osborne Bland (C1748-1828) and Letitia Bland: I indicated above (p. 5) that I believe John Bland (1770-1842) of Cumberland County Kentucky and Ray County Missouri, as well as Daniel Bland (1780/1790 - 1848) of Pulaski/Conway Counties Arkansas are sons of Osborne and Letitia Bland. I have, however, had difficulty gathering new information to substantiate this belief, and so defer further discussion. Here we are concerned with new information passed on by Albert and Mildred Hunter of State College Pennsylvania about Osborne Bland Jr. (C1774 - 1849) who married Patsy Donahoo, (VU pp. 441ff). We all know, of course, that Patsy Donahoo died about 1847, leaving Osborne to his fate, which turned out to have been more horrible than any of us ever imagined before. Poor old Osborne. He took up with a much younger woman, Sally Kent Andrews, who hastened, one might say, Osborne's time of reckoning. Charges brought against Sally's son Isaac Andrews in Greene County Indiana, 1849, as well as appeals for delay of trial, indicate that Isaac may have beat Osborne to death with a fence rail used for a club. The beating occurred on February 1, 1849 and Osborne died February 5, 1849. Osborne and Sally Kent Andrews were married December 15, 1848. Isaac claimed, to the contrary, that Osborne died of "old age, drunkenness, exposure to cold and falling from his horse."

This would fix Osborne's dates at (C1774-1849). Sally Kent Andrews listed her birthdate variously at July 4, 1792 and 1800. About 1840, she married Alexander Andrews, who died in 1840. They moved from Wayne County Kentucky to Greene County Indiana about 1825. For at least 40 years after Osborne's death, Sally conveniently forgot they were married, and tried without success to secure a pension based on Alexander Andrews' war service in 1814-1815.

Two new correspondents, Beulah Bays of Terre Haute Indiana and Loretta Heyen of Ellettsville Indiana have provided additional information that sharpens the picture of John Bland, previously shown as the eldest child of Osborne Bland Jr. and Patsy Donahoo, (VU pp. 443-444). Loretta believes John's dates were (C1807-1840). About 1826, he married Mary Jane "Jency" Mahan, born in Kentucky (March 31, 1809 - March 9, 1894), who is buried at Dunlap Cemetery, Clark County Illinois. The family appears frequently in Vigo Indiana and Clark Illinois. Mary Jane remarried on June 14, 1844 to William Warren in Greene County. The children of John Bland and Mary Jane Mahan were as follows:

1. Mary Bland (C1827 - 1890) was born in Greene County Indiana and died in Clark County Illinois. She married twice, (1) to John Herrington on June 15, 1845 and (2) to John Walker, December 25, 1859. Loretta Heyen descends through this line.
2. Martha Bland (January 10, 1830 - March 19, 1922) who married Hubbard Bays (1820 - 1880), November 26, 1847. Beulah Bays descends from this line. In my book, I rather consistently misspelled the Bays name as Boys.
3. Elizabeth Bland (1834 -). Loretta Heyen thinks that Elizabeth married William Blankenship in Vigo County during the 1850's.
4. James Bland (1836 -), who married Lydia Fuller, January 19, 1858.
5. John Bland (1838 -), who married Louisiana Beasley on October 3, 1861.
6. Moses Bland (September 28, 1839 - April 12, 1914). On May 27, 1862, Moses married Anne Robinson in Clark County Illinois.

The Washington County Kentucky Blands Phyllis Goff was good enough to send me a source which gave the date of death in Virginia of John Bland (1742 - 1807), husband of Rachel Bland (- 1799) as April 22, 1807. Also, as earlier noted (above p. 25) Phyllis supplied what appears to be a concrete link between the Washington County Blands and those of Randolph County North Carolina. This is a link previously suggested by those interested in the two families but not proven. Phyllis Goff's information seems to move speculation to the level of strong indirect evidence. Note:

Thomas Arbuckle, who married Elizabeth Lawrence, sister of Solomon and Joseph Lawrence, was a co-testator with Solomon to the marriage of Prudence Bland to George Watts in 1786, Washington County. Joseph Lawrence gave bond with Prudence's mother Rachel. James Arbuckle, (1767 -) who married Susan Bland, daughter of John and Rachel Bland in Washington County in 1789, was a son of Thomas Arbuckle and Elizabeth Lawrence. James Arbuckle and Susan Bland moved to Clark County Indiana about 1815, with James' parents. This also coincides geographically and chronologically with the fact that James Bland (1773-1832) and his wife Jane Johnston (1780-1866) of the Randolph County North Carolina family, (VU pp. 352-359), lived in the Indiana territory, what became Clark County, from 1799-1812. From 1812-1814, this family lived in Kentucky and then returned to Jefferson County, Lancaster township, Indiana, probably close to their former home. The Bland-Lawrence connection suggested above, adds credence to the formerly disputed idea that Thomas Morton Bland (C1765 - C1730), who married a woman named Anne Lawrence, was a son of John and Rachel Bland. I consider this very important information.

Children of Charles Bland (- 1819) Found among the correspondence between Curtis Bland and Marie Menaugh during the 1940s was a set of indenture statements that established birth dates for several sons of Charles Bland and his brother Roland:

Fielding Bland was born March 17, 1808; Franklin Bland was born January 25, 1810. A daughter Scarber (Scarborough) Bland died intestate by 1828. In rereading Charles' will of 1819, I find that Julian, called a son (AC 4-2, p. 34) was a "beloved daughter." Donna Gleave of Annabella, Utah is searching for the parents of her fourth great grandmother Sarah Bland, whom she thinks was born C1820/1825 and died C1855/1860. An aunt told her that Sarah Bland, who married Jeremiah Hundley (I cannot find confirmation of this in copious Kentucky marriages, but think I have seen it somewhere. Help!) was a sister of Silver Dick Bland (1835-1899). Interestingly, Byars' biography of the great man indicated that he had three siblings, but listed only two, Charles Clelland Bland (February 9, 1837 -) who married Hattie B. Keane and Elizabeth Bland, who married Frederick Tetley. Sarah then would be the missing child of Staughton Edward Bland (1807-1842) and Margaret Parks Nall (1816-1849). These parental dates, however, immediately suggest the difficulty of placing someone with dates indicated by Mrs. Gleave for Sarah. Help would be appreciated.

I think we have information about all of the sons of Charles Bland, listed in his will of 1819 (VU, p.466 and AC 4-2, p. 34):

1. Warrington Bland (AC 4-2, p. 34).
2. William Bland (C1801 -) here I am going to go out on a limb. Kay Monroe of Sullivan Indiana turned up a record of one William Bland (C1801 -) born in North Carolina, living in Perry County Indiana, Oil Township, with a wife Nancy (1813 -) from Kentucky. By 1860, this couple was in Turman Township, Sullivan County, but not obviously linked to the large brood of Moses Bland (C1772 - ante1850) of Randolph County North Carolina. In 1860, William's age is shown as 59, now shown as born in Virginia, while Nancy is 47, shown as born in Indiana. Their children, all born in Indiana, are James Bland (1830 -) gone from home by 1860; Elizabeth (1832 -) also gone from home in 1860; Margaret (1837 -); Lewis (1840 -), gone by 1860; Francis, (1842 -); and John M. (1846 -). The elder William is also found in Washington County Indiana with one female age 15-20 (Nancy, age 17) and one male <5 (James, Infant). In 1840, William appears in Perry County Indiana with a family that includes one male 40-50 (William 39); one male 10-15 (James 10); One female 30-40 (Nancy 27, census taker error); One female 5-10 (Elizabeth 8) and two females <5 (Margaret 3 and ?). Whether this individual is the missing son of Charles Bland is uncertain, an hypothesis grounded in geographic movements and the assumption of a connection between the Washington County Kentucky - Randolph County North Carolina families.
3. Staughton (Stayton) Edward Bland (1807-1842) (VU pp. 468-472 and AC 4-2, p. 34).
4. Fielding Bland (March 17, 1808 -) (AC 4-2, p. 34).
5. Franklin Bland (January 25, 1810 -) (AC 4-2, p. 34).

VOILA!

Children of John Bland (- 1819) and Roland Bland (- 1825): Information in the Curtis Bland - Marie Menaugh correspondence as well as some deeds supplied by Juanita Max of Plantation Florida sheds further light on the family of John Bland (- 1819) who married Nancy Edmonston in 1796 (AC 1-2, pp. 15-16 and 4-2, p. 34). Following are the children noted in John's will:

1. Elizabeth Bland (1803-1864) who married Daniel Purdy in 1824.
2. Martha (Patsy) Bland, who married Joseph Liston in Washington County May 23, 1826 (AC 4-2, p. 38) and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois.
3. Susannah Bland married William Wright April 16, 1827 (AC 4-2, P. 38 and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois.
4. Mary Bland no new information
5. Sarah "Sally" Bland married Harvey Sharpe and moved with him to Macoupin County Illinois.
- 6 & 7. John Blandford Bland and Thomas S. Bland. No new information.

Among the letters of Curtis Bland and Marie Menaugh were found these references to children of Roland Bland (- 1825) by Delsey Shecklesworth: Susan Bland married John Daughtery on March 30, 1821. A note was made on September 25, 1826 for John Bland to accept custody of William Bland "age of 10 years" and a son of Roland, which makes it possible among other things to separate Roland's William from the son of his brother Charles, noted above (p. 28).

Children of Samuel Bland (1780-1848): At the risk of having a purist cut off my ears, I want to endorse two views, those of Jane Midtby, Denver Colorado and Jennifer Van Stevern, Knoxville Tennessee, about the identity of the heretofore missing son of John and Rachel Bland, Samuel, who married Jenny Sheklesworth on February 5, 1800 in Washington County. Mrs. Van Stevern in particular has made connections between Samuel and the Blands in Green, Pulaski, Casey and Adair Counties. This discussion requires a total rescrambling of previous work, (VU. p. 461, N.1, AC 2-2, p. 33 and 4-2, p. 40, esp. John Bland #2): 1

Reference to Samuel Bland has been tucked away in an obscure footnote of my book for 10, these many years, (VU p. 461, n.1, derived from Jessamine Bland James, Bland Family Court and Bible Records, p.60). In previous surmises about Samuel, I have indicated that he was probably the youngest of the children of John and Rachel Bland. In her compilation of records for Samuel Bland, Jessamine James did not link him directly as a child of John and Rachel. Rather, Mrs. James gave his dates as (1780 - 1848) and named Rachel Jane _____ Bland (1784-1847) as his wife. Mrs. James offered no source for these dates, but the structure of her material suggests it came from a Bible record. Jane Midtby offered the insight that Rachel Jane has been transposed from

Rachel Jean or Jenny, and that the primary parents referred to in Mrs. James' note are Samuel Bland, son of John and Rachel, who married Jenny Sheklesworth in 1800. Hereafter Rachel Jane or Jenny will be called Jenny. Mrs. James stated that Samuel and Jenny's son Allen Bland (1811-1853) was born "on the turnpike between Springfield and Mackville, Washington County Kentucky." Mrs. James also indicates that Allen died in "Macomb" county Illinois in 1853. Since there was no Macomb County Illinois, it might be reasonable to assume that she referred to Macoupin County Illinois, where several children of John Bland and Nancy Edmonston settled, (see above p. 29).

The family of Allen Bland (1811-1853) has been previously delineated. (AC 2-2, p. 33). Jenifer Van Stevern suggests that one Thomas Bland (1803 - post 1860) of Adair and Casey Counties (AC 4-2, p. 40) may also be a son of Samuel and Jenny. She argues that the linkage "has the right feel," which as we know is often prerequisite to concrete evidence. Mrs. Van Stevern has supplied some very striking evidence in support of her hypothesis. There was in Adair County in 1820, one Samuel Bland, whose household included a male and female, 26-45 (Samuel and Jenny would have been 40 and 36). There was one male and four females <10; one male and one female 10-16 and two males 16-26. This same Samuel appears again in the 1830 census of Adair County. One male and one female 50-60 (Samuel 50, Jenny 46); one female <5; one female 5-10; one female 10-15; one male and two females 15-20 and one male 20-30; Near Samuel in 1830, there appeared one Thomas Bland. One must step ahead here to Mrs. Van Stevern's hypothesis that this was Thomas Bland (1803 - post 1860) who married Elizabeth Stephens (1795 - 1853), daughter of James and Cynthia Stephens. 1

Stepping back, the 1830 census shows Thomas in a household that includes <10 one male and one female (John L. 3, and Frances an infant); two females 5-10 (Cordelia, about 5 and an unknown child); one male 20-30 (Thomas 27) and one female 30-40 (Elizabeth 35) The 1860 census for Casey County shows Thomas Bland, age 57, living with a woman named Lucretia, suggesting that it was Thomas Bland who married Lucretia Riggins, September 9, 1856 in Casey County (AC 4-2, p. 40). The census taker, bless him, instead of routinely noting that Thomas was born in Kentucky wrote that he was born in "Washington County Kentucky."

Thus, the family of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Stephens (there were apparently no children between Thomas and Lucretia Riggins) takes shape like this:

1. Cordelia Bland (C1825 -) married Buford Mann, July 16, 1845 in Casey County. She appears in the household of Thomas Bland as Cordelia Mann in 1850.

1. Casey County Deaths, Register V. 46, n. 154 (1948) p. 410.

2. John Louis Bland (1827 - 1893) who married (1) Mary Belton August 24, 1849, and (2) Nancy Marples (1831 - 1887) about 1858. By Mary Belton, John Louis Bland had four children:
- A. Samuel J. Bland (C1851 -) who married Sarah Vaughn, December 23, 1873.
 - B. Mary E. Bland (C1854 -).
 - C. Eliza J. Bland (C1855 -) who married John F. Marples, April 21, 1876.
 - D. Abner Thomas Bland (October 22, 1852 - August 10, 1933), named, Mrs. Van Stevern thinks, for Mary Belton's father A.T. Belton. Abner married Sciotha (pronounced Sic-thee) by her kin, Pointer, March 4, 1873. Abner and Sciotha had eleven children including: (1) Mary E. Bland (1874 - 1874); (2) Elizabeth Bland (August 23, 1875 - October 6, 1856), great grandmother of Jenifer Van Stevern, who married Elmer Elsworth Wright on October 14, 1895; (3) Phidella Bland (January 26, 1877 -) who married John Wynn on March 5, 1899; (4) an unnamed infant (1879-1880); (5) John T. Bland (January 25, 1880 - December 2, 1901) a doubtful date of birth in view of #4, unnamed infant's birth December 22, 1879; John married Eulah Carlyle; (6) Peyton E. Bland (November 5, 1882 - February 4, 1918) who married Nina Dougherty April 20, 1904; (7) Wesley Ellsworth Bland (April 13, 1885 - May 6, 1962) who married Vida Mae Diley on September 16, 1912; (8) Maga Bland (January 24, 1887 -) who married Cleto Spires; (9) Nelly Bland (1890 - 1891); (10 and 11) Earl and Pearl Bland, twins born February 13, 1894 and died the same day September 2, 1894.
- By Nancy Marples, John had:
- E. Susan A. Bland (1859 -) who married John H. Tucker in Casey County, October 12, 1880;
 - F. Josephine Bland, who married Stephen Knifely on April 23, 1881.
 - G. George Bland.
 - H. John L. Bland (1861 -).
 - I. Cordelia Bland (1864 -);
 - J. Margaret R. Bland.
 - K. Allen Bland (1871 - 1940).
 - L. Harlan Bland (1873-1943).

3. Frances Bland (1830 -)

4. Samuel J. Bland (1831-1854) who married E. J. Knifely.

5. Susan C. Bland (1833 -).

6. Lucinda Bland (1837 -).

7. Sarah E. Bland (1846 -).

8. Isabella Bland (1848 -).

William Bland, who married Dorcas Lane in Casey County July 16, 1856, may be a son of Thomas Bland.

These are good leads and a sensible rationale for Samuel Bland, youngest son of John and Rachel Bland. Having gone so far in mingling the Washington County Blands with those of the Green, Casey, Pulaski and Adair county families, I want to suggest one thing further: Samuel Bland was not the youngest child of John and Rachel. Rather, Reuben Bland, (C1790 -) who would have been a small child when Rachel distributed her property in 1799, who bought 80 acres on Forbus watercourse in Pulaski County in 1818, has that distinction.

MISSING LINKS AND QUERIES

Arthur Bland of North Carolina and Tennessee Inez Turner, Hope Arkansas, has favored me with several long letters that amplify information previously known about the family of Arthur Bland (AC 3-1, pp. 15, 41 and 4-1, pp. 25-26). Inez traces her line to Arthur Bland (1794 - post 1850) who was born in North Carolina and died at Montezuma, McNairy County Tennessee. Arthur married his first wife Elizabeth Waddle in Guilford County North Carolina on September 9, 1818. Elizabeth's dates are not certain but it should be assumed that she died about 1839/1840, for the 1850 census shows James Bland, (1841 -), an affirmed child of Arthur Bland by his second wife Elizabeth Ingraham Murrill, divorced widow of a "terrible outlaw" John A. Murrill. The second Elizabeth's dates are (1807 -). Arthur's children by his two wives were:

By Elizabeth Waddle:

1. Robert Bland (1826 -), There is a story that many of Arthur's children by Elizabeth Waddle were so offended by their father's marriage to Elizabeth I. Murrill that they removed to Arkansas. Not so this man. He not only remained in Tennessee but married Elizabeth Murrill's daughter Arthusa or Arthusy (1833 -) about 1848 and had by her A. Sarah Bland (1849 -); B. John J. Bland (1850 -); C. Elizabeth Bland (1853 -); and D. Rachael Bland (1859 -). This is all very intriguing. Question: if Arthusa or Arthusy is a way of making Arthur into a feminine name, who was her father?

2. Thomas M. Bland no dates, went to Arkansas and married a "spit-fire type" of woman named Ann, who resented the high falutin' airs put on by the Blands. It seems that Tom cherished a tin-type that showed some of his Bland relatives back in Virginia in association with the Washington family. One day Ann had enough of this picture and tossed it into the fire, emotionally wounding old Tom, "grieving him terribly." Inez, who has relatives who remembered Tom and Ann, says "I don't know how Tom was so calm, he was though." Probably he had ways of calming Ann.

3. John Bland

4. George Washington Bland (September 14, 1831 - October 27, 1905) married Margaret Jane Muse (August 28, 1835 - January 4, 1925) on May 31, 1852. George migrated to Prairie County Arkansas, adjacent to

Pulaski, (later divided into Lonoke) and established the Bland Chapel. George also served in the Confederate Army, enlisting January 20/29 1863 as a private in Company D, 8th Cavalry Regiment of Arkansas. He was captured by the Yanks at Little Rock, September 9, 1863 and languished in a POW camp at Indianapolis Indiana until May 18, 1865. Children of George Washington Bland and Margaret Jane Muse were: A. Elizabeth Bland (December 15, 1859 - July 17, 1947), great grandmother of Inez Turner, who married (1) Harvey Bass (1854-1881) and (2) a Mr. Ellis; B. Ella Bland, who married Mr. Morrison; C. Rachel Bland, who married Mr. Carpenter; D. Thomas Bland; E. Gaston Bland; F. John Bland; G. Mariah Bland, who married Mr. Bass; H. Charles Bland;

5. Emmeline Bland (1834 -)

6. Arthur Bland (1838 -)

By Elizabeth Ingraham Murrill:

7. James Bland (1841 -)

8. William H. Bland (1843 -)

9. Mary E. Bland (1845 -)

Further information about this line, especially the parents of Arthur Bland, would be appreciated.

Abraham Bland of Pennsylvania : Eleanore Hayes Smith of Tucson Arizona sent me the following note from the 1850 Census , District 112, Liberty Township, Union County Indiana, for Abraham Bland, who could well be a relative of her furthest back ancestors William Bland (- 1804) and Mary Pose (VU, pp. 365-367 and AC 1-2, pp. 25-26):

Abraham Bland (1806 -) a shoemaker worth \$1,000. born in Pennsylvania, married to Emily (1809 -) born in Ohio. All their children, born in Indiana, are noted: (1) Edward (1833-); (2) Mary (1837 -); (3) Alseneth (1837 -) perhaps a twin of Mary; (4) Candace (1841 -); (5) John W.S. (1843 -); and William B. (1847 -).

Mrs. Smith has rightly noted that she has been able to learn very little about her family through the newsletter. Perhaps this apparent relative of her William Bland, (1802 - 1886) who was born in Pennsylvania and died in Henry County Indiana, will attract some attention.

Walks in Graveyards On a return trip to Jacksonville Illinois, Robert O. Bland of Deland Florida stopped at Waverly and found the following tombstones : Sarah L. Bland (April 26, 1859 - July 14, 1909); George Bland (December 7, 1862 - no date of death noted); Josephine Bland (1869 - 1948); and Harold C. Bland (October 10, 1895 - March 12, 1904).

Robert Garland Bland of Kentucky Jean M. Chilton of Lexington Kentucky wrote me a letter in December 1986 making a poignant plea to help her locate an ancestor of her mother's before she died. The

ancestors sought were the parents of Robert Garland Bland (- October 28, 1877) born in Kentucky, exact date and location unknown. Robert was a hog drover and married a woman named Nancy (maiden name unknown), (- February 8, 1878). Robert and Nancy had a son Willis (October 22, 1856 -) and two or three daughters. Willis married Margaret Leona Thompson (August 11, 1855 -) on March 15, 1873, somewhere in Indiana. Later they moved to Arkansas and from thence to Texas about 1912, where both are buried. Robert Garland was old enough in 1861 to disagree with his father in law over the issues in the Civil War. He took his family to Indiana, where is not known, and joined the Union Army in or near Evansville. He may have been a Methodist minister as well. Some additional clue may be found in the family bible of Willis Bland and Margaret Leona Thompson, which includes these entries: Harrison Dudley Bland (July 29, 1873 -); Nancy Bland, who married September 22, 1892, who is unknown. and G.P. Evins (February 10, 1897 -). Descendants of Willis and Margaret Leona now live primarily in Arkansas and Texas. Help would be appreciated.

Morris Brewer Bland Marian Daniels, San Benito Texas, sent me information received from Mrs. Ophelia Bland, Mission Texas, outlining the family of Morris Brewer Bland (December 12, 1829 -) based on a family Bible record. The origins of this family are unclear but Morris Brewer Bland may have come from England. He married Jane Haner on August 1, 1852 and they had the following children:

- A. Sarah Elizabeth Bland (June 16, 1850 -) maybe Morris' daughter by a prior marriage.
- B. Virginia Ann Bland (November 24, 1854 - June 10, 1880).
- C. Robert Brewer Bland, born and died between 1855-1857.
- D. James B. Bland (1857 - 1858).
- E. Arthur Brewer Bland (March 24, 1859 - died in 1930s).
- F. Robert Riley Bland (1861 - 1862).
- G. John Retherford Grant Bland (August 13, 1863 - February 10, 1947) married Margaret Della Bland (January 2, 1869 -) on February 13, 1887. Their children were (1) Rachel (1887 -); (2) Robert (1889 -); (3) Ethel (1890 -); (4) Marshal (1892 -); (5) Jane (1894 -); (6) Ida (1896 -); (7) Laura (1898 -); (9) Alice (1900 -); (10) Tommie (1902 - 1979) who married Ophelia Selvidge in 1925; (11) Gertrude (1904 -); (12) Marvin (1907 -); (13) Fred (1910 -); (14) Nettie (1911 -).
- H. William Skyler Bland (December 3, 1868 -) lived in Arkansas.
- I. George Thomas Bland (October 8, 1872 - died in the 1930s) lived in Tennessee.

This bible record was written by James Retherford Grant Bland at Cabot Arkansas on April 19, 1905.

William E. Bland of Jasper County Texas Helen Bourque of Houston Texas did some detective work on this man (AC 4-1, pp. 34-35) and found that he died of Typhoid Fever in Dallas Texas October 17, 1899. No other clues. Helen took up this project with a great deal of interest and feels frustrated to be stuck at just this. Any further information would be appreciated.

John C.W. Bland Information was sent to me by Jeanette Bickley Bland of Richardson Texas, about John C.W. Bland (November 1859 -) a white man born in Iowa but living in the Creek Nation at the time of the 1900 census. John was married to Sue A. Bland (1868 -), born in the indian territory with their children Vera L.; Era B.; Owen W.; Hazel M; and John C.

Isaac Bland and Charlotte Stripling Union Parish Louisiana H. Wayne McCallum, a U. S. Serviceman now serving overseas, has written me asking about the parents of Isaac Bland (1813-1853) born in North Carolina. Isaac is found in the 1850 census of Union Parish Louisiana, married to Charlotte (1819 - (1819 -) born in Kentucky. Mr. McCallum believes she is Charlotte Stripling. Their children in the 1850 census were Jackyann (1837 -); Jane (1842 -); James (1844 -); Dallas (1846 -); Sarah Louise (July 6, 1848 - May 10, 1936) who was born in Louisiana and married Henry Allen Pridgen, a Civil War Veteran in 1863, while he was home on furlough. They moved to Texas and raised their family; Rebecca (3 months in 1850 -). Living with Isaac and Charlotte was J.B. Robinson, age 24, a laborer.

Anyone with clues about Isaac Bland should write to H. Wayne McCallum, E-Systems General Delivery APO N.Y. 09080. Even if you have no genealogical news, write to this soldier to say hello. I'm sure he would be glad to hear from you. It is my understanding that Mr. McCallum lives in or near Dallas Texas.

My apologies for a delay of approximately two weeks. I've been working with a new word processor. Look on the bright side. The device saves me about \$2.00 per page in typist fees, which would eventually need to be passed on to the subscriber.

This summer has been unconscionably hot. I am glad to be finished with the newsletter. Now I can swim with Christina and Tommy. Have a good summer. We look forward to seeing you at Solsberry Indiana, August 15.

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John G. Bland (1836-1910)

with

Elizabeth M. Cowan (1842-1903)
at left and twin sister
(pp. 11-12)

Courtesy

Sandra Kirk

Arthur Cowan Bland
(1863-1945)

with

Julia Ellen Sutton
(1873-1963)

Children: eldest
Bruce, in frocks
Bessie, Walter
Edna

(P. 11)

Courtesy

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William Claiborne Bland (1847-1933)
and
Virginia Adelaide Groome (1853-1934)

L-R: Sons

William Christopher Bland
(1871-1958)

Joseph Henry Bland
(1877-1974)

Leroy Banks Bland
(1893 -)

Courtesy

William C. Haynes

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Clockwise: Annie Haigler,
1806 -);

Elizabeth Helmick (1851 -
1941) and James Stickley
Bland (1845-1917);

Florence Belle Dever (1878 -
1918) and Ashby Stickley Bland
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Eunice Hubert



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Mary Bland Lappin
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2. Users are urged to check all possible variations of a name, e.g., Elizabeth = Betty, Bette, Beth, Liz, Lizzie.
3. All males listed in the Christian/Given Name Index are Blands or Blanns or Blans.
4. Women who were born Bland for whom no marriage is recorded, are listed by first name only.
5. Women who marry into the Bland family are shown with their maiden names only.
6. Women who were born Bland but marry into another family are shown with the name Bland, followed by their married name, e.g. Amanda Bland Mason, or Amanda Bland Mason Turner.
7. Women who were born Bland and marry a Bland kinsman are listed by their full name and surname, e.g. Clara Bland.
8. Individuals who died young are noted (DY).
9. Approximate dates are indicated Circa, C, e.g., John Bland (C1725-1795).
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