

# Among Cousins

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18 Dear Cousins,

20 By now, I hope you have received your second notice of the **Fourth National Bland Reunion** at Pittsboro North Carolina, August 13-14, 1988. The second notice is an order form that provides an address to which confirmation of your attendance may be sent:

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Having reached the peak of my middle age efficiency, I dutifully mailed out order forms without a return address, necessitating a second mailing. Just to be sure, a copy of the order form is enclosed within.

Pittsboro North Carolina is located near a major air terminal in Raleigh and is near Chapel Hill. The Reunion and the concluding brunch, both of which will be held in air conditioned comfort at the Northwood High School in Pittsboro begins at 10:00 AM. These Reunions are like children to me, I dislike comparing them, because of the extraordinary work that sponsors put into their success. I will simply say that early returns have been very promising. Clyde Bland and his wife Hazel Ellis Bland have profited from the experiences of the first three sponsors and have put together a fine, well organized program, very reasonably priced. Lodging is available through **The Hampton Inn**, (919-968-3000), and **The Comfort Inn**, (919-774-6411). If you use these facilities, identify yourself as part of the National Bland Reunion in order to receive special rates.

On behalf of Clyde and Hazel Bland and my own family, we hope to see you in Pittsboro.

**Library Donation**, During this period, only one library donation of **A Vision of Unity** was made: to the library at the Berkeley Plantation on the James River in Virginia. The donation was made by Bill and Curly Moore of Hopewell and is much appreciated. As always please note that library copies are offered at reduced rates and donations are tax deductible. Let me know if you have a favorite library to which you would like to donate a copy of the book, or if you would like to donate a library copy to any institution where it would be well used.

**1850 Census**, During the past two years, Joyce Bland McCool of Overland Park Kansas has done a yeoman like task of culling Bland families from the entire 1850 Census and compiling them into three volumes of notes. In Fall 1988, I hope to begin the work of putting these into book form, annotated by cross listing with **A Vision of Unity** "Among Cousins" and with earlier censuses when the information is readily available. When it is completed, this will make an excellent research tool, and will provide a good building block for the later censuses.

**Index, Volume 5**, The Index for **Among Cousins, Volume 5**, is attached to this Newsletter, one issue late. I must say that although the undertaking is made somewhat easier by use of computer, it is still a deadly task. I will continue with annual indexing until a second major effort is up to date: I received as a Father's Day gift, a piece of genealogical software called **Personal Ancestral File** with which I hope to create a centralized index for the book and the newsletter. There is no question that this effort will take years.

**Other Reunions.** For two years now, I have received announcement of a Bland Reunion at Merkel Texas, between Fort Worth and Abilene. I spoke recently to the Reunion Sponsor for 1988, Pete Bland of Abilene. He told me about 200 Blands and Bland relatives were in attendance.

**Transition:** Claire Christiansen Strauch of Newport Beach California began a correspondence with me in June 1987 shortly after the death of her mother, Frances Edith Bland Christiansen (1895-1987). Frances was descended, in all probability, from the King and Queen County Virginia family. Discussion of the genealogical issues appears on page 5 and a photo of Frances Bland Christiansen, taken in 1915, appears on the photo pages (Page 38). In a recent conversation with Mary Deramo of Houston Texas, who descends from the Edgefield County South Carolina family, I received word of the death of her husband, Joseph F. Deramo on September 6, 1987. Neil Bland of Lumberport West Virginia wrote to tell me of the death of Urilla Bland of Weston, on March 22. Urilla was 89, and would have been 90 on May 13. She died after a long illness. Urilla descended from the family of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) of Fauquier County Virginia. Like her father, Robert Linn Bland Sr., Urilla was an avid genealogist of the Bland family until her health failed her. She was one of the first members of the family to reach out a helping hand to me and I will always be grateful to her. Urilla is survived by a single brother, Robert Linn Bland Jr. Betty Miller of Juneau Alaska wrote to tell me of the passing of Mildred Herring, Ogden Utah, who descended from James Bland (C1704-1774), of New Hanover-Duplin County North Carolina, through his great grandson Jacob Bland, (C1779-1839), who moved from Chatham County, North Carolina to Green County Indiana. Betty Miller says that Mildred was a prolific correspondent and genealogist who left behind an abundance of information that is yet to be mined.

We mourn the deaths of these three individuals who were Bland descendants or whose lives intertwined with the Bland family.

## VIRGINIA FAMILIES

### King and Queen County Virginia

Margaret Kelley of Sedalia Missouri has provided useful additional information about Elliot Bland, (1813-1896) of this group, ( AC 3-2, pp. 17-20; AC 4-1, pp. 18-19). Elliot's parents were William Bland, (C1765-1838) and Susan Corr, (C1774-1813), married in 1792. It bears repeating that William did not descend through the James River family from William Bland (1742-1803) and Elizabeth Yates, whose son William died at sea, (AC 5-1, p.20). Mrs. Virginia Bengé Stokes, Elliot's granddaughter and author of a

family history about him,<sup>1</sup> provided by Mrs. Kelley, indicates that William (1765-1838) was the son of William Bland (C1746-1788). First, Mrs. Stokes assigns two additional children to William, differing on some points with Louise Bland Morgan, (AC 4-1, p. 18), about the mother of William's various children. Mrs. Stokes takes the position that William the elder remarried to Ann or Mary Shaw, (AC 4-1, P. 19). She indicates that a son Robert was born, twin of Roberta (AC 4-1, p. 19), but died young.

Mrs. Stokes indicates that after the Elliot Bland family migrated to Sumner County Tennessee, they subsequently migrated to Humansville, Missouri. Elliot was especially close to his eldest brother Isaac Bland, (C1798- after 1850), and migrated to Tennessee as soon as he was old enough in order to be close to him. After the death of Susan Corr, October 11 1813, Elliot's step mother, Ann Shaw, left little Elliot in the care of a negro mammy "Black Sadie" (which hopefully describes her skin and not her heart) to be raised with Sadie's children. Isaac rescued Elliot from this situation, and thus earned his deep devotion. William Bland, Elliot's father, became impoverished in trade with the British and was forced to indenture Elliot as a shoemaker's apprentice at age fourteen. Elliot completed the apprenticeship in 1834 but resented having been known as a "bound boy" so in 1834-1835, he left Virginia to join Isaac in Sumner County Tennessee. Elliot served with Isaac in the Seminole War in 1836 and mustered out at New Orleans. In 1838, Elliot returned to Virginia for his father's funeral. His father in law died the same year. These twin trauma's apparently prompted Elliot to migrate with Adeline Clay and her sisters, to Humansville, Polk County Missouri during 1839, where the balance of their children were born. Excepting a venture into California during 1849-1853, Elliot stayed close to Humansville until the coming of the Civil War and the death of Adeline Clay in 1861. The Bengé connection that was of interest to Mrs. Stokes comes through Elliot and his wife Adeline's eldest daughter Martha Ann Bland, (1839-1918) who married first Hiram Monroe Woodward, November 3, 1857. Martha's birth delineated the destiny of the family to stay at Humansville, where they had to stop so that Adeline could give birth to her. A bachelor who owned the cabin where she was born premature, called Martha "no bigger than a pussy kitten" creating a nickname "puss" that stuck with her all her life. Hiram Woodward died in 1869, leaving Martha with two children, Susan Adeline and Eulalia Monroe. On September 22, 1872, Martha Bland Woodward remarried to James Almon Bengé, (1828-1882). They had a single child, Martha Virginia Bengé, (1873- ), who married John Richard Stokes October 22, 1895. Martha Virginia was

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<sup>1</sup> Virginia Bengé Stokes, Comp., Genealogy of the Bland and Bengé Families, Vol. 1. (ND).

Mrs. Stokes' ancestor and she and her husband cared for old Elliot Bland during the last year of his life.

Martha Ann Bland Woodward Bengé was close to Elliot Bland, who in turn was close to his granddaughter Virginia Bengé Stokes (1873- ) who recollected some vivid and wonderful stories about him. Elliot was described as a small person with a straight figure, who styled himself "the runt of the family". He had dark brown hair, white over his forehead "that lay in waves". Elliot had blue, twinkling eyes. He always wore a white shirt with a bow tie and refused to wear patched trousers. Virginia Bengé Stokes indicates that he lived with her mother from 1882, with a brief interval of travel to California. Elliot was a great raconteur of stories about his family back in Virginia (Mrs. Stokes thought he wanted to look like Gentleman John Bland, (C1760-1819), "who was slim and tall and wore good clothes all the time."

Claire Strauch of Newport Beach California provided information about a family headed by Robert C. Bland, (C1829- ) found in the 1850 Census of Middlesex County Virginia, close to King and Queen. Robert appears in the family of William P. Vaughn, (Dwelling 22). In the same county is found the the family of Thomas Jefferson Bland (1805- ) and Mildred Chapman (1810- ), and William Archibald "Arch" Bland, (1800 - ) and his wife Mary Chapman (1801- ) (Dwelling 18) (AC 3-2, pp. 17-19). Robert C. (Chapman?) Bland, who could be the son of either of these parents, married Virginia Anne West, sometime after 1855 (probably about 1858), when she was found unmarried in Mishawaka Indiana. Robert and Virginia had four children : 1. Annie Bland (1859 - ); 2. (Robert Bland, 1860 - ); 3. (Frank West Bland (October, 1861-1936); 4. Edward Bland. All these children were born in East St. Louis, Illinois, and only Frank West Bland had any children. Frank West Bland married Florence Etta Shone, (1866-1925) on May 3, 1888 in East St. Louis. They had two children: Florence Lillian Bland, (1890-1958) and Frances Edith Bland (August 19, 1895 - June 14, 1987), who married George N. Christiansen, August 16, 1919. They were the parents of Claire Strauch, who has enriched our memory of the Bland family by providing photos of her great grandmother Virginia West with her infant daughter Annie, Robert C. Bland and Virginia West's son Frank West Bland and his wife Florence Etta Shone Bland, and their daughter (Claire Strauch's mother), Frances Edith Bland Christiansen. These photos appear in the photo pages (P. 38).

#### NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES

##### The Blands of Chatham County

Albert and Mildred Hunter of State College Pennsylvania have built a persuasive and well documented case that James Bland, (C1749-1799) of Duplin County North Carolina, a Revolutionary soldier, settled in Chatham County North Carolina, with a brother

John, (C1754-1827), and formed two distinct family branches from that county. While John's descendants remained largely in place and are represented by many Bland's living in Chatham County to this day, the branch of James Bland moved out to Greene County and other Indiana locations. The Hunters have patiently and convincingly threaded together the shape of James' family, (VU, pp. 320-342; AC 1-1, p. 7; 1-2, pp. 5-6 and 2-1, pp. 7-8). James appears to have had a family that included five, possibly six sons and four daughters:

1. Jacob Bland, (C1779-1839), who married Nancy Richardson, (VU, pp. 324-332; AC 3-2, pp. 33-39).

2. William Bland (C1787-after 1860). William married Elizabeth McBain January 2, 1813, (VU, pp. 335-341, AC 1-1, pp 4ff; 1-2, p. 6; 2-1, p.8).

3. Thomas Bland (1789-1862), who married Sarah Thornton, (AC 2-1, pp. 7-8)

4. Francis Bland (C1790-1833), who married Elizabeth Lane (C1800-1861), (VU pp. 333-335).

5. Henry Bland (C1791-1869). The last entry in Hendricks County Records for Henry was 1869, and he was aged 59 in 1850. He is suggested as a probable brother of the first four sons of James Bland because his name appears on an 1815 Chatham County Tax List with them. Hendricks County records are thick with mutual transactions between Henry Bland and the Tomlinson family and Henry married Keziah Tomlinson December 23, 1819 in Orange County Indiana, in the same time and place as four women who are almost certainly his sisters, (AC 1-1, p. 7. see discussion below). Kesiah Tomlinson is shown as age 52 in 1850, suggesting for her the dates of (C1798- ). In the same household with Henry and Keziah in 1850 were three children, 1. Kiziah Bland, (1833- ); 2. Sarah A. Bland, (1835- ); 3. James Bland, (1838- ). Living in close proximity to Henry and Keziah was James Bland (1823- ), possibly a son, married to Mary Susannah (1826- ), with Thomas Bland (1829- ). Also living in this household is Elizabeth Bland (C1785- ), possibly a sister of Henry.

6. Abraham Bland (C1805-1871). Abraham is the possible sixth son. He married Ann Maria Bland (1809-1869), eldest daughter of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz, (AC 4-1, p. 7) on May 21, 1831 in Jennings County Indiana. Abraham's birth is shown in the Census as Indiana, which may invalidate the hypothesis that he was a younger brother to the above five men. Abraham appears as family 103 in the 1850 Census, versus 112 for Henry. Their son Americus Bland served as a private in the Union Army between April 24, 1861 and August 2, 1862. He was in the first Company from Danville.

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The Orange County records showed four marriages by Bland women between 1819-1821. They were:

1. Mary Bland who married Samuel Daughtery, November 5, 1819. No Samuel Daughtery appeared in the 1820 Census. Men named Samuel Daughtery were found in Bartholomew and Vermillion Counties in 1840. A Samuel Daughtery was found in the 1850 Census for Spencer County Ohio, while a Mary Daughtery was found in Huntingdon County. The 1860 census showed two entries each for Samuel Daughtery and Mary Daughtery.
2. Fanny Bland who married Henry Leatherman, March 29, 1820. Henry Leatherman did not appear in the 1820 Census. The widow Leatherman was found in Marion County in 1840. No Henry or Fanny Leatherman appeared in the 1860 Census.
3. Isabell Bland (C1795/1804- ), who married Felix Armstrong, (C1795/1804- ), March 29, 1820. Felix Armstrong did not appear in the 1840 Census for Indiana. In 1860, there was an Isabella Armstrong in Boon Township, Warrick County Indiana.
4. Rachel Bland who married Elisha Baldwin, March 13, 1821. Elisha Baldwin was not found in Indiana in the 1820 Census. Elisha Baldwin was in the 1840 Census of Greene County Indiana. By 1850, there were three separate entries in the census for Elisha Baldwin and Rachel Baldwin. Mention of Elisha Baldwin was gone from the 1860 Census but there were three entries for Rachel Baldwin in Wayne County.

#### The Blands of Pitt County

Joseph Love of Jacksonville Florida has provided interesting new information about one line of this family, descending from George Bland (C1734-1797), through his son Theophilus, (1768-1832), who migrated from Pitt County to Shelby County Tennessee, (AC 2-1, pp. 22-23 and 3-2, pp. 40-42). Theophilus married Sarah Joiner in North Carolina and had a family of eleven children. Mr. Love's primary interest is in his own line of descent through Levin Bland (1798-1850), son of Theophilus and Sarah:

Levin was born in Pitt County, third child of Theophilus and Sarah, and he died in St. Francis County, Arkansas where he moved in 1848. On January 29, 1824, he married Elizabeth Anne Moore in Pitt County and had by her ten children:

1. Benjamin Franklin Bland (1824-C1861). Benjamin served as a corporal in the Arkansas First Mounted Rifles. He was discharged August 20, 1861.

2. Mary Jane Bland, (1826-1867), who married Nathan Gregory, January 19, 1843.

3. Sarah Ann Bland, (1828-1863).

4. James T. Bland, (February 2, 1829-January 4, 1869). James was "murdered" by the occupation government during Reconstruction, January 4, 1869 at Woodruff County Arkansas. James' first wife was Emily J. Snow, (January 12, 1833 - June 10, 1858), whom he married January 5, 1854. His children were A. Leander Lee Bland, (C1855- ) and William Bland, (June 1 to 20, 1858). Second, James married Lucy A. Perry, (C1839-September 1869), at Augusta, Woodruff County, Arkansas, December 8, 1858. Woodruff County was carved from St. Francis. James and Lucy had two children. The name of one is unknown. The second was A. Oliver Perry Bland (March 15, 1860 - July 20, 1930). Oliver died in Shelby Mississippi. Oliver was a merchant, investor and railroad man. He married Eleanor Adeline Reilly at East Feliciana Parish, Wilson Louisiana, December 8, 1897. Oliver and "Addie" had three children: (1) Mabel Olivia Bland (1898-1981), mother of Joseph Love, who married Joseph Bennett Love, June 12, 1924; (2) Mary Ouida Bland (1901- ); and (3) Eleanor Adeline Bland (1907-1955).

5. Robert Bland, (1831-1862). Robert was a Second Lieutenant in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry.

6. Levin Bland, (1833-1852).

7. John Bland, (1835- April 1, 1864). John was a Captain in Company D, 32nd Arkansas Infantry. He was killed in action at the Battle of Fitzhugh Woods, Woodruff County Arkansas, April 1, 1864.

8. Lucy Bland, (1840-1862).

9. Wesley Bland, (1840-C1851).

10. Lafayette Bland, (1847- ). Lafayette was a Private in Company C, 37th Arkansas Infantry.

A brother of the above Theophilus Bland (1768-1832) was John Bland, (1763-1823). John's son Barnes (1805-1887) was noted as a grantee in Pitt County Deed Book EE, (1826), p. 286. Pitt Will Book 24, (1849) p. 592, shows Barnes and his wife Rhoda as heirs in the estate of John Langley of Edgecombe County.



Martin County North Carolina Family

There is a suspected relationship between the Pitt and Martin County North Carolina families, leading one to always be alert for connections. Myron Banks of Raleigh North Carolina shared with me a list of Blands who were chain bearers in Pitt County between 1779-1784, including George Bland, John Bland, William Bland and Stephen Bland. Stephen appeared in the 1800 Census of Craven County, aged 26-45. The juxtaposition of counties suggests a relationship between Pitt-Martin-Craven-Edgecombe, which in fact backs up to New Hanover-Duplin County (AC 5-1, p. 28).

A William Bland witnessed deeds in Edgecombe County in 1765 (Deed Book C, pp. 323, 405, and 480). He acquired 100 acres on Town Creek in 1770, (Deed Book D, P. 263). By 1773, William Bland "of New Hanover County" conveyed the same 100 acres, (Deed Book Z, p. 147). From what is now known, this man could be William Bland (C1726-1775) or his son William, (C1748-1816), (VU, pp. 275-282, 293-297).

Edward L. McIntosh of Honolulu Hawaii has suggested a possible scenario for a relationship by one Sarah Bland (C1746-1814) with the founding family of the New Hanover Duplin County Family. Sarah married Hezekiah Doan Jr. (C1737-1809), from a family of ship merchants who frequently traveled in and out of Wilmington and up the Cape Fear and Black Rivers, which more or less border the Bland settlements in New Hanover, Duplin, Sampson, and Pender Counties (See Map, AC 2-2, between pp. 33-34). Hezekiah Doan and his family first appear in the Wilmington District records about 1748. Mr. McIntosh thinks that Sarah was a sister of James Bland (C1749-1799), linked to Voucher 1691, Revolutionary War District 6 of North Carolina, (AC 1-1, p. 3). Sarah married Hezekiah Doane about 1760-1761 (their first known child was born in 1762). By 1763, there was a minor boy named Thomas Bland living in the Hezekiah Doane-Sarah Bland household. This would seem to indicate that Sarah was an older child of William Bland (C1726-1775), although she was not mentioned in William's will. The logical explanation would be: records for Hezekiah Doane appear in Bladen County North Carolina up till about 1765, after which he moved to Rowan County, further west and away from the family home. Eventually the family moved out to Harrison County Kentucky, where Hezekiah died in 1809 and Sarah before August 25, 1814. A parent-child connection between William (C1726-1775) and Sarah (C1846-1914) is plausible but unproven. There is also the possibility that Sarah was a daughter of James Buchanan Bland (C1727-living in 1771) about whom we know practically nothing.

These connections are very meaningful, suggesting a generally close relationship between the Blands in these coastal counties.

**KENTUCKY FAMILIES**The Family of Osborne and Lettice Bland

For several years, information has slowly accumulated that suggests Osborne Bland of Prince William County Virginia, Nelson and Cumberland-Monroe Counties Kentucky, and his wife Lettice, were parents of a much larger family than has been heretofore supposed. Some of the information remains only hypothetical but will suggest some new answers to old questions. I am primarily grateful to Joyce Bland McCool of Overland Park, Kansas and to Ruby Blann of Lawrence Kansas for their insights into the questions that will be raised. I, as well as Joyce and Ruby, have profited from insights provided through the research of the late Lela Adams, Virginia Bland Cowden, Gladys Foster and Betty Turpin.

Because he was the first child mentioned in his father's will, Osborne has been thought the eldest son of John Bland, (C1725-1795) and his wife Margaret Osborne. The second child was Prudence Bland Fleming, for whom a family bible record shows dates of 1750-1815, (AC 1-2, pp. 11-12). (Prudence was married to Fleming Smith (1745-1847). Extrapolations based on normal birth rhythms, (every other year), would thus place Osborne's birth at C1748. Osborne's father John Bland was in turn the son of William Bland, (C1682-1744), eldest son of James Bland, (1661-1709), (see discussion VU, pp. 271, 419-25, AC 2-1, pp. 11-12, 4-1, pp. 13-15). John Bland, who granted 100 acres to Osborne in Prince William County in 1776, and sold a unspecified quantity of land in Prince William County in 1780, (VU, pp. 422,426), had, between 1772-1778 at least, held land or lived in Shenandoah County Virginia, adjacent to Fredericks County, (AC 4-2, pp. 8-9) and Augusta County (parent of Rockingham and Pendleton Counties). On June 10, 1772, John Bland of Shenandoah County received from Darby McCarthy, 253 acres on Derby's Gap Branch. Witnesses included Fleming Smith. On June 12, 1778, John Bland "and Margaret, his wife, of Prince William County Virginia" granted 126 acres of this property to Samuel Perry. Again, one of the three witnesses was Fleming Smith. This information would seem to indicate that John was liquidating property preparatory to making a move to Kentucky about 1781. The proximity in the western Virginia counties of Shenandoah, Frederick, Rockingham and Pendleton, cannot help but suggest connections, not yet proven between John and his brother Thomas Bland, (C1719-1788), the man I believe to be Thomas' son, Joseph Bland, (C1752-1812), and Thomas Bland of Pendleton County, (C1740-1826).

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<sup>2</sup> Shenandoah County Virginia, Deed Book A, November 24, 1772, P. 127, and Deed Book E, October 1, 1779, p. 94.

Osborne Bland (C1748-1828), was born in Prince William County Virginia and died, at an undetermined date between 1820-1830, probably in Cumberland or Monroe Counties Kentucky. About 1767, Osborne married a woman named Lettice, whose maiden name has stubbornly resisted discovery. <sup>3</sup> Lettice Bland, of course, has become the stuff of family legend because of her capture by the indians and ordeal of survival in the Kinchloe Massacre of 1782. Possibly because Lettice's name was smirched through narrow minded condemnation over what might have happened while she was in the hands of the indians, she and Osborne moved around a great deal. On March 5, 1782, Osborne received 400 acres in Jefferson County. <sup>4</sup> Between 1782-1784, Osborne and Lettice are found at Philip's Station, Nelson County Kentucky; at Hardin's Creek, (1785); Simpson's Creek, (1786); and Pottinger's Creek, (1788-1790). In the 1790s, Osborne and Lettice turn up in Washington County (section that became Marion in 1834) Kentucky County. By 1802, they are in Cumberland County, (from which Monroe County was created in 1820), where they lived out the balance of their lives, along an area called Meshack's Creek.

In what follows, I will not add anything to what has been written about Osborne's and Lettice's daughters Margaret (C1769-post 1826) and Sarah, (C1773- ), (VU, pp. 439-440). Rather I shall concentrate on his sons, with particular attention to Jessie Bland, (C1778-1843), and to three men whom I believe to be the sons of Osborne and Lettice, John Bland, (C1770-1842), Moses, (C1780-1848), and Daniel, (C1784-1848). Some new information provided by Pamela Jones of Oaktown Indiana about Osborne Bland Jr. (C1774-1849) will also be presented, although thanks to Virginia Bland Cowden, his family has been fairly well developed, (VU pp. 441-455). There were also sons William, Warren and Eli, for whom very little is now known, (it is possible that Elam, (VU 439-440), was a corruption of the name Eli or William. I make the assumption that Warren, Eli and William are younger sons.

In the 1810 Census, the following germane families appear in Cumberland County Kentucky:

Osborne (sp.Osburn) Sr. 1 male 45 or over, Osborne, (C1748- ).  
1 female 45 or over, Lettice, (C1752- ).  
3 males, 16-26, (Eli, Warren, William).

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<sup>3</sup> See discussions, (VU, p. 434; AC 1-2, p. 8; AC 4-2, p. 28, 38-39). Suggested maiden names, never satisfactorily proven, have been Bland, Hamrick, King and Peake).

<sup>4</sup> Jefferson County Kentucky Minute Book A, V. 53, p. 45.

John  
 1 male 26-45, John (C1770-1842).  
 1 female 26-45, Sarah Elizabeth Lee,  
 (C1770-1840).  
 2 males 0-9, (Abraham, Purmit, James).  
 1 female 0-9  
 2 females 10-16 (□)

Osborne (Sp.Osburn) Jr. 1 male, 26-45, Osborne (C1774-1849)  
 1 female, 26-45, Patsy Donahoo, (1784-  
 1848).  
 3 males 0-9 (John, William, Eli).  
 2 females 0-9 (unknown)  
 1 female 10-16, (Lettice possibly).

Jesse  
 1 male 26-45, Jesse (C1778-1843).  
 1 female 26-45, Nancy Kirkpatrick.  
 2 males 0-9 (Unknown male child, John).  
 3 females 0-9 (Unknown).

The Cumberland County records reinforce the arrangement of this family, based on what is already known. In 1799, no Blands, Kirkpatrick and Radfords were found in Cumberland County. Joyce Bland McCool has examined the 1820 census, however, and found these names in close proximity. Two transactions may delineate the approximate ages of the younger sons, of whom we know little else: First, on August 9, 1811 transaction, Osborne and Lettice engaged in a sale and resale of land to Warren Bland, his son, indicating that Warren was at least 21 in 1811, thus born no later than about 1790. The transaction was for land that abutted property of one John Radford, and land upon which Jesse Bland formerly lived. By 1819, Warren and his wife Jane, (alternately Jincey in the same deed), had resold the same land to Osborne and Lettice. Similar conclusions may be drawn from an 1819 deed of 212 acres on Meshack's Creek in Cumberland County to Eli and William Bland. Two of these deeds specify a patent of June 13, 1807 to Osborne Bland for land in Cumberland County, from which these deeds are parceled. Osborne and Lettice sold 50 acres on Meshack's Creek in 1811, with Fleming Smith and William Bland acting as witnesses. ◊

◊ The daughters of John Bland and Sarah Lee are assumed to have been born after 1810. The identity of these three daughters, born before 1810, is unknown.

◊ ◊ Cumberland County Kentucky Deed Book B, 1811, pp. 134, 136, 145. Cumberland County Deed Book D, 1819, pp. 125, 168-169.

What follows is my own idea of the sons of Osborne and Lettice Bland. Hypotheses are noted:

1. John Bland, (C1770-1842). This is an hypothesis. John Bland and his descendants have been discussed previously, (AC 2-2, pp. 24-26; 3-1, pp. 8-9; 3-2, pp. 9-15 and 5-2, pp. 5, 26-27. About 1799, John married Sarah Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Permout Lee. This marriage must have occurred in Monroe or Greenbrier County, for a Permout Lee lived there in 1799 in close proximity with a John and Robert Bland (exactly how Robert fits this equation is presently unknown). <sup>7</sup> By 1850 in Livingtston County Missouri, Abraham Bland age 50, was born in 1800 in Virginia. He is John Bland and Sarah Lee's eldest child. Subsequent children were born in Tennessee, until the youngest, Mary Lee Bland Ewell, (1817-1898) who claimed to have been born in Kentucky. Abraham's wife was born in Tennessee. Since Meshack's Creek, where this branch of the Blands seem to have settled, is a tributary of the Cumberland River, it would seem to fit that the family of John Bland could alternately reckon Tennessee and Cumberland County Kentucky as home. At any rate, by 1800 Hannaniah Lincoln was living alongside some property owned by "J. Bland" in North Cumberland. By 1806, John Bland owned 200 acres along Meshack's Creek. <sup>8</sup> John appeared in both the 1810 and 1820 census for Cumberland County. The line of descent from John Bland and Sarah Lee has been previously delineated (AC 3-2, pp. 9-15). This family was found in Ray county as early as 1828, and was subsequently living in Carroll, (taken from Ray in 1833) and Livingston, (taken from Carroll in 1837). Some caution is in order. The J. Bland living near Hannaniah Lincoln in 1800 would more likely be Jesse than John, and there are

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<sup>7</sup> Oren Morton, A History of Monroe West Virginia, (1916), pp. 369,432,455.

<sup>8</sup> Joyce Bland McCool to Charles Bland, December 1986. Also, Ruby Blann to Charles L. Bland, December 1986. Ruby forwarded to me some documents showing a correspondence of land locations between this Hannaniah Lincoln (the name stays remarkably consistent), who may have been a sister of Thomas Lincoln and an aunt of President Lincoln, (Though one should be more cautious of Lincoln stories than of genealogical tales). Ruby Blann also enclosed a deed dated March 14, 1814, in which Fleming Smith of Cumberland County Kentucky purchases from Hananiah Lincoln of Jackson County Tennessee, 200 acres along the Cumberland River, near the home place of Osborne Bland.

so many John's moving around in 1800 that positive identification of any of them is very tricky. John Bland's name does not appear in any of the deeds mentioned above. Also, if John was an elder son of Osborne and Lettice, why was he still in Virginia in 1799-1800? Why were no sons named for Osborne and no daughters for Lettice? The hypothesis that John was the elder son of Osborne and Lettice rests on the fact that was living cheek by jowl with them by 1810 and 1820. To a lesser extent, given these facts, it makes sense that Osborne would have an older son John, born close in time to a daughter Margaret, both named for Osborne's parents.

2. Osborne Bland (C1774-1849). Osborne Bland Jr.'s family was previously delineated, primarily upon the handiwork of Virginia Bland Cowden, (VU, pp. 441-455; AC 1-1, pp. 8-9 and AC 1-2, pp. 8-11). Osborne died February 5, 1849, either from wounds received in a brutal beating by Isaac Andrews or by a fall from his horse while he was drunk. Osborne's first wife and mother of all his children was Patsy Donahoo, a Catholic, (C1784-1847), who Osborne married in Nelson County Kentucky, January 21, 1799. Secondly, on November 15, 1848, Osborne married Sallie Kent Andrews, whose son Isaac may have done Osborne in (AC 5-2, pp. 26-27). I also reviewed the trial of Hiram Bland, (1825-1851), in the last Newsletter (AC 6-1, pp. 35-37).

As noted above, Osborne Jr. was living in Cumberland County in 1810 and was in the Monroe County Kentucky Census in 1820, living near his father. Osborne and Patsy turned up in the 1830 census of Scott County Indiana and by 1838 they were in Richland Township, Greene County Indiana. Ten children were originally noted for Osborne Bland and Patsy Donahoo, although Virginia Bland Cowden counted as many as twelve. Updated information has been provided by Pamela Jones of Oaktown Indiana:

A. William Bland (died after 1860). William resided alternately in Greene County Indiana and Shelby County Illinois. William married Martha Fisher about 1835. For speculation that William might have married a woman named Martha Cooksey (1817- ), (AC 1-2, pp.9-10). William's family has been discussed previously (VU, pp. 444-445; AC 1-1, p. 8; AC 1-2, pp. 9-10).

B. Eli Bland (C1806- living in Shelby County Illinois in 1850). Eli married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ about 1834. Eli's family was previously discussed, (VU p. 445).

C. John Bland (C1807-1840), who married Mary Jane "Jency Mahan, (1809-1894), about 1826. Mary Jane Mahan Bland remarried to William Warren, Greene County, June 14, 1844. Mary Jane is buried at the Dunlap Cemetery, Clark County Illinois. John Bland's family was previously discussed, (VU, pp. 443-444 and AC 5-2, pp. 26-27).

D. Lettice Bland (C1810- ). Lettice, shown as 40 in the 1850 Census, married William Walker, (C1815- ) June 10, 1836. Walker was killed, September 17, 1850 by Lettice's brother Hiram, (VU pp.451-455 and AC 6-1, pp. 35-37). Lettice Bland Walker's family was discussed previously, (VU p. 445).

E. James Bland (C1813-still living in 1880). James married Lydia Burch Shaver (C1810-1857) on December 18, 1836. James might have remarried to Lydia Fuller, January 19, 1858 in Greene County, suggesting the boundaries of Lydia Burch Shaver's life noted above. James family was previously discussed (VU pp. 448-449; AC 1-1, p. 8). James may have later married a Mary Goodnight, December 18, 1879 in Greene County. James' son (1) Roland Wallace Bland (November 6, 1859- September 6, 1930), was born and died in Greene County Indiana. Roland married Elizabeth E. Bingham, (September 9, 1863 - July 27, 1934) on February 5, 1880 in Greene County. Roland Wallace Bland and Elizabeth Bingham had the following family: (a) Loucettia Bland (1883-1960), who married David Arthur, January 4, 1902; (b) Harvey Bland (1887-1966), who married Eva Mae Cox December 27, 1916. (c) Earl Bland, (1889- ), who married Clarace Cook February 12, 1916; (d-e) Della Bland (1892- ), who married Forster Livingston February 14, 1916, and Ella Bland (1892- ) who married Lebert Hamilton, January 17, 1912. Della and Ella were twins; (f) Stella Bland (1895-1952), who married Clarence Padgett, January 1, 1916. (g) Ernest Bland (1898-1975), who married Ophia Stanley, (1900- ), September 8, 1915. Ernest Bland and Ophia Stanley had a family of six children, including Norma Lorene Bland, who married James L. Sparks. Norma and James were the parents of Pamela Sue Sparks Jones; (h) Minnie Bland, (1900- ) who married Roscoe Bays, July 20, 1918. Minnie attended the Third National Bland Reunion at Solsberry Indiana in August 1987. (i-j) Dewey and Jewey Bland, twins, (1904- ). (k) Ralph Bland, (1906- ), who married Mae Trowbridge. Ralph and Mae attended the Third National Bland Family Reunion in Solsberry Indiana in August 1987. They are the parents of Kenny Bland, who co-sponsored the reunion. Photos of the Roland Wallace Bland and Elizabeth Bingham family appear on the photo pages (P. 39).

F. Warren Bland (1815- February 19, 1865). Warren married Cynthia Burch (C1822-1856) July 12, 1840 in Greene County. Among the children of Warren Bland and Cynthia Burch was Jesse P. Bland (C1842- ), who married Sarah Jane Bays (C1842- ) June 16, 1866. Jesse Bland and Sarah Jane Bays had a family of ten children including: (1) Eliza E. Bland; (2) Henry Bland; (3) Robert Caddy Bland (C1868-1958), who married Charlotte Jones, November 29, 1899; (4) Lucinda Bland, (1869-1957), who married John C. Sparks, November 8, 1887. A photo of John and Lucinda Bland Sparks, with their child Howard C. Sparks, appears on the photo pages (P. 39).

(5) Samuel B. Bland, (1871-ante 1958); (6) George W. Bland (1872-1958), married Dora Richardson; (7) Cynthia (Sitha) A. Bland, (1875-after 1958), married Thomas G. McCreery; (8) Amanda Bland (1878-after January 1958) married \_\_\_\_\_ Moreland; (9) Allen Bland, (1886-1966) married Joy Cox; (10) Arminda Bland married Otto Larue. Warren's family was previously discussed (VU pp. 446; AC 1-1, p. 8).

G. Margaret Bland (C1817- ), who married Thomas Todd in Greene County October 24, 1833. Virginia Bland Cowden surmised that Margaret was a daughter of Osborne Bland and Patsy Donahoo, but never followed through on her ideas, (AC 1-1, pp. 8-9).

H. Moses Bland (January 1820- May 12, 1906). Moses married first, Milly Lawrence, May 30, 1849. Secondly, on May 22, 1856, Moses married Jane Boys, (1833-1915), in Greene County. Moses' family was discussed previously, (VU, p. 450, AC 4-2, P. 28).

I. Jesse Bland (C1821-November 28, 1881). Jesse was in Richland Township as late as 1860 but by 1880 was found in Shelby County Illinois. Virginia Cowden indicated that she had found Jesse's tombstone in the William Price Cemetery, Shelby County. Jesse married Mary "Polly" Lawrence in Greene County January 24, 1841. Jesse's family was previously discussed (VU p. 447-448; AC 1-1, p. 8; AC 1-2, p. 9).

J. Polly Bland (C1822- ), married William Todd, July 25, 1837. Virginia Bland Cowden surmised that evidence showed Polly was a daughter of Osborne Bland and Patsy Donahoo, (AC 1-1, pp. 8-9).

K. Hiram Bland (C1825- June 13, 1851). Hiram's short life is legend around Greene County, and in the history of the Bland family, though he might have had less intrinsic value than the average Vice President of the United States. Hiram married Rachel Bays, (1825- ), January 15, 1841, in Greene County. After Hiram was hanged, Rachel Bays Bland married James Ray on June 25, 1856, and bore him eight children. Elizabeth Bland, the eldest daughter of Hiram Bland and Rachel Bays, married Andrew J. Burch, June 6, 1861. A photo of Andrew J. Burch and his wife Elizabeth Bland is displayed on the photo pages, (P. 39). Hiram's family and life has been previously discussed, (VU p. 450-455 and AC 6-1, pp. 35-37).

L. Lucinda Bland (C1826 - ). Lucinda married David Shaver, July 13, 1845. Lucinda may have moved to Kansas, but her children were marrying in Greene County as late as 1880. Her family has been previously discussed (VU pp. 450-451; AC 1-1, p.8).



3. Jesse Bland (C1778-1843) Jesse was born, probably in Prince William County Virginia, about 1778, and moved with his family to Nelson County Kentucky about 1781. Legends of the Kinchloe Indian raid have Jesse captured by the indians when he was about four years old. Many years later Jesse returned to Nelson County and relatives recognized him by a scar, (VU pp. 440-441). By 1811, Jesse was in Christian County in western Kentucky where he witnessed the will of Joseph Mosely.<sup>9</sup> Jesse died in Saline County Arkansas, February 14, 1843.<sup>10</sup> Jesse married (1) Nancy Kirkpatrick about 1800 in Cumberland County Kentucky. It is uncertain when Nancy died but (2) Jesse married a widow, Rachel Price, in Pulaski (later Saline) County Arkansas January 8, 1828.

Jesse was a pioneer Baptist minister in Pulaski County, Arkansas, where he appeared in the records as early as 1825. If he was the brother of Daniel Bland (C1784-1848), he was probably in the county by 1814. Jesse was known as "Old Hardsides" for his "powerful and eloquent" voice, which could hold his listeners "spellbound for hours." Jesse's home in 1830 was the site of the first meeting of the Union Baptist Church, with eight members. According to Alice Bland Hope, Union Baptist Church subsequently became the Spring Creek or Kentucky Baptist Church.<sup>11</sup> It is quite possible that Jesse Bland had a brother Moses, to be discussed below, who also was a minister at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Pulaski-Saline County during the same time.

The children of Jesse Bland and Nancy Kirkpatrick were as follows:

A. John B. Bland, (C1805/1815-1862). John's dates are problematical. The 1850 Census shows that he was born in 1835, but in view of the ages of his children shown in a Family Bible Record, it appears his birth year would be closer to 1805. John married (1) the widow Temperance \_\_\_\_\_ Powell (September 2, 1809 - C1848) about 1827. Second, John B. Bland married the widow Lucinda \_\_\_\_\_ Price (October 17, 1828 - Living in 1870) about 1849. One history

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<sup>9</sup> Christian County Kentucky Will Book A, 1799-1814, p. 38.

<sup>10</sup> When Jesse made out his will in 1843, it was witnessed by Abel Bland, (C1788-1863), of Randolph County North Carolina, indicating the closeness of family relationships, (VU p. 447; AC 2-2, pp. 35-36; AC 3-1, p. 25 and AC 5-2, pp. 24-25).

<sup>11</sup> Goodspeed's History of Arkansas, (1889), p. 818. CF, History of Arkansas, p. 240; and Centennial History of Arkansas, p. 954. Alice Bland Hope, The History of the Bland Family, (1964), p. 5.

claims that John had 16 children, although only 14 are identified in the Family Bible. John must have felt like the old woman in the shoe. By Temperance \_\_\_\_\_ Powell, John had the following children:

(1) Malinda Bland (January 8, 1828 - June 1883). Malinda married Daniel James September 9, 1847, and had by him a family of nine children; (2) Lucinda Bland (dates uncertain) married John Dean about 1844. Their children were William Jordan Dean (August 9, 1845) and John William Dean, (July 19, 1847); (3) Belinda Bland (June 12, 1829 - ); (4) George Washington Bland (September 22, 1831. - ) married Matilda \_\_\_\_\_. In the 1860 Census of Perry County, George and Matilda had a daughter (a) Nancy E. Bland (C1856- ); (5) Mary Bland (January 11, 1835 - ) married Richard James. (6) John Bland Jr. (December 16, 1838 - July 31, 1919). John Bland Jr. was a sergeant in the Civil War, enlisting in Company B, 3rd Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry. He served until April 1865, and fought in the battles of Corinth, (where he was injured), Chickamauga, Resacka, Missionary Ridge and Atlanta. After the war, John Bland and W.H. Rankin had a steamship built and christened it "The Rosa Bland" after John's daughter. The Rosa Bland made regular ferry runs between Little Rock and Perryville. In 1868, John Bland married Lucinda Catherine Rankin (April 8, 1853 - December 29, 1940). Their children were (a) William C. Bland (1873- ); (b) Mollie Bland (1876- ); (c) Rosa "Rosie" Bland (1878- ); (d) Mattie Bland (1880- ) who married \_\_\_\_\_ Robinson; (e) Verna (or Vernice) Bland (1883-1969), who married Jordan T. Walls; (f) Jessie Bland (1886-living in 1969) who married \_\_\_\_\_ Sorrells; (g) John Bland III (1889- ); (h) Edward F. Bland (1891- ); (i) Joe Bland (1894-1969); (7) Robert Bland (March 13, 1841 - died in the Civil War); (8) Nancy Bland (February 26, 1844 - ), married \_\_\_\_\_ Warren; (9) Jesse Bland (October 8, 1846 - died before 1860).

By Lucinda Price, John Bland had the following children:

(1) Lucrecy (Lucretia) (September 9, 1850 - ) who married \_\_\_\_\_ Churchill; (2) Lina Elizabeth Bland (July 9, 1852 - ); (3) Margaret Ameline (Emeline) (October 28, 1854 - ); (4) Viny Green Bland (1856 - ); (5) Missouri Bland (August 10, 1859 - ), married George W. Ellsberry.

Lucinda Price brought two children into her marriage to John Bland: Sarah Price (C1846 - ) and John R. Price (C1848 - ).

B. Hiram Dow Bland (1811-1898). Hiram (possibly Hiram), is most extensively treated in a brief history of the Bland family by Alice Bland Hope (1964), who descended from this branch. Mrs. Hope called Hiram Dow the brother of Jesse Bland, Had she got the preliminary information straight, Mrs. Hope would surely have recognized that

poor Lettice Bland, let alone Osborne Sr., was a bit too old to be having children when Hiram Dow Bland was born. Hiram Dow Bland, if he was the son of Jesse, must have moved to Arkansas with him, as a small boy. Mrs. Hope says that Hiram Dow settled on the Arkansas River, near present day Little Rock before moving on to Saline County. Hiram Dow Bland married Obdeiah Brazil in 1829, and had the following family by her (AC 1-2, pp. 24-25):

(1) Jesse Bland (1833-1913). Jesse lived in Arkansas until the Civil War. He enlisted in Company F, 16th Arkansas Regiment, and was promoted to Captain, being wounded at the battle of Poison Springs. After the war he moved to Ennis Texas. Jesse married (1) Mary Riggans; (2) Sarah Rhodes; (3) Louisa Rhodes and (4) Mary Williams; (2) Malinda Bland (1834- ); (3) Hiram Bland (1837- ). Hiram married Mollie Crowder; (4) Mary Bland (1839- ). Mary married Thomas Riggan and had a family of eleven children; (5) Martha Bland (1843- ). Martha married Jim Catlin. This couple lived in Arkansas but their children all moved to land near Dallas Texas; (6) William Calvin Bland (1845- ). William married (1) Jean Bland "an Arkansas girl." William married (2) Mollie Jeans. Their children moved to an area near Fort Worth Texas. (7) Evaline Bland married a Mr. Miller and died, probably in first childbirth.  
(8) John Davidson Bland (1849-1904). John Davidson Bland married (1) Mary Orr about 1870 and (2) Louisa Jane Payne.

C. Moses Bland May have married Eady Watson, June 7, 1838.

D. Melinda or Belinda Bland called "Millet" Bland in Jesse's will. Melinda married (1) Joseph Rutherford and (2) Samuel T. Henderson, July 9, 1837.

E. Elizabeth Bland married William M. Hutchison in 1836 or 1837.

F. Calvin Bland (C1825- ) married Caroline \_\_\_\_\_ (C1830- ) about 1846. Their children were (1) Sarah Bland (C1847- ) and (2) Nancy Bland (1848- ). Calvin was named in his father's will of 1843.

G. Verlinda Bland married Alfred C. Henderson, June 17, 1838.

There were two children, a male, name unknown, born about 1800-1810 and a male, name unknown, born about 1810-1815. Rachel Price evidently bore Jesse no children, but brought two children into her marriage, from a previous union: Ann Price, who married Jesse James August 14, 1837 and Richard Price.

4. Moses Bland (1780-1848). According to legends about the Kinchloe Indian Raid, it was not only Jesse Bland (1778-1843), but also a "Mos" Bland who was captured by the Indians, (VU, p. 436). An obituary, dated 1848, notes the passing of Moses Bland, of Owen Township, who had lived in Pulaski County for the last fifty years, (if Moses was the brother of Jesse and Daniel, it is probably that he arrived in the county about 1814. Moses appears in the tax and census records 1820-1828.) and died at age 68, hence (1780-1848). The obituary noted that Moses was an active church member. Berneice Mumford wrote that Moses was a Minister of the First Baptist Church, who later formed what came to be known as the Spring Creek Baptist Church (VU, p. 350-352). <sup>12</sup> This Moses Bland was heretofore identified as a son of Moses or William Bland of Randolph County North Carolina, (VU 347-349; AC 3-1, p. 22). Given the similarity of religious interests and activities, it may be plausible to reconsider this Moses as part of the family of Osborne and Lettice Bland. In the 1830 Census, Pulaski County, Moses appeared, aged 40-50, with a wife (he was married to Nancy McKee) <sup>13</sup>, same age. He had one son, age 5-10 (Moses), and five daughters, one age 16-20, two 10-15, one 5-10 and one under 5. Moses' daughters included Charlotty Bland, who married Leason Wells, October 9, 1836 in Saline County; Nancy Bland, who married Andrew Jackson Brazil on October 22, 1837; and Polly Bland who married Andrew McCallister on July 13, 1837. Another daughter must have married for by 1840, Moses and his wife remained in the household with their son Moses and a daughter, aged 10-15. Moses sold a slave, valued at \$600. to his son for \$1. on December 12, 1848, and he must have died soon after.

The younger Moses Bland appears in the 1850 Census for Pulaski County, aged 24, (which more or less matches Mumford's report of his birth date, January 23, 1823). On July 28, 1842, Moses married Mary Ann Bland and had by her two daughters who appear in the 1850 Census as Sarah Ann Bland (1845- ) and Nancy Bland (1846- ). Soon after the birth of Nancy, Mary Ann Bland died. Moses went away to serve in the Mexican-American War between 1846-1847. Upon his return to Arkansas, Moses married Rebecca Vandergrift, (1829- ) who appears as his wife in the 1850 Census. They had three children, including Pauline Bland, (1849- ); James Bland, (1851-1853) and Thomas C. Bland (1854-1932), who married Selita Goodwin, November 23, 1873.

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<sup>12</sup> Goodspeed's Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Central Arkansas, (1889), p. 240

<sup>13</sup> Goodspeed, p.285

5. Daniel Bland (C1784-1848). When I first wrote about Daniel in January 1986, I was personally skeptical of the idea that he was descended from Osborne and Lettice Bland, but now I believe. <sup>14</sup> Daniel's family has been discussed previously, (AC 4-1, pp. 30-32). What follow is a review of his children, preceded by a discussion of the essential facts in his life. Daniel was in Arkansas "inhabiting a cultivating a tract of land previous to the Twelfth Day of April 1814," while it was part of the Missouri Territory, <sup>15</sup>. Daniel settled in Wellborn, the section of Pulaski County Arkansas that became Conway County in 1825. By 1841, Daniel was found in Perry County, created from Conway in 1840, operating a Ferry Boat across the Arkansas River. It is entirely possible that Jesse, Moses and Daniel Bland came to Arkansas together. Old Daniel died after paying his taxes in 1848. Surely, many of us share his inclination. Daniel had at least three wives, including a widow, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (C1802-antel860), his only identified wife. Daniel had the following children:

A. William Bland (C1803/1810- ).

B. James Bland (C1815/1820- ). A James Bland, son of Abel Bland (C1788-1863), of Randolph County North Carolina, Jackson County Indiana and Ouachita County Arkansas, enlisted in the Arkansas Volunteer Militia during the Mexican War, July 1, 1846, (VU, p. 347). There is the possibility of some confusion with this James.

C. An unnamed daughter, (C1815/1820- ).

D. Lydia Bland (C1815/1820- ). Lydia married Jethro Payton Henderson, June 15, 1837.

E. Isaac Bland (C1820/1825- ).

F. Jane Bland (C1823- ) married Alfred Brazil.

G. Sarah Bland (C1826- °), married John Westley, (C1820- ), August 6, 1842.

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<sup>14</sup> In an undated letter the late Virginia Bland Cowden of Bloomington Indiana told Donna Crowe that Daniel was a son of Osborne and Lettice Bland, an opinion shared by the late Lela Adams, Gladys Foster, and Betty Turpin.

<sup>15</sup> The Arkansas Territory was created in 1819 and Arkansas gained Statehood June 15, 1836. Arkansas Territorial Papers, Vol. XIX, p. 10-14.

H. Daniel Richard Bland (1830-1878), who married (1) Emmaline Ivey, about 1854, and (2) Julia Heaton, ( -1879), about 1863.

I. Radford Sherman Bland (1832-1900), who married (1) Margaret Ellsberry, (1840-1892), who was the mother of seven of his eight children. Late in life, Radford Sherman Bland married Annie Sanders but had no children. Radford's daughter Julia Bland (1873- ) was born to his housekeeper.

A woman Malinda Bland, who married Daniel James in 1847, was erroneously noted as a child of Daniel Bland. Actually, she is noted above correctly, (P. 18, Par. 3A(1)) as a daughter of John B. Bland and Temperance \_\_\_\_\_ Powell (AC 4-1, p. 31).

6-8. Warren, Eli and William Bland. Very little is known of these sons, except for their appearances in deeds. It is my opinion that a son previously called Elam has been confused with Eli or maybe William. In 1855 and 1856, two surveys for 91 acres along the Cumberland River in Cumberland County occurred for William Bland. Land was surveyed, (six acres) for Eli Bland on Meshack's Creek in Cumberland County for Eli Bland, November 8, 1815. Another 50 acres on Meshack's Creek were surveyed for Ely and William Bland jointly on November 6, 1833. Warren Bland had 150 acres surveyed near Meshack's Creek August 1, 1818.<sup>16</sup> As noted above, (p. 13), Warren's birth year is pegged as no later than 1790. Warren must have moved to Jefferson County. An entry in Jefferson County Records, shows that Charles Bland, aged 25 born in Jefferson County and son of Warren Bland, died November 29, 1854 of typhoid fever. Ann Bland, aged 19, also born in Jefferson County, died April 1, 1859 of consumption. Ann was the daughter of Joseph Van Kirk and the widow Harriet \_\_\_\_\_ Van Kirk.<sup>17</sup> A family that appears in the 1850 Census for Jefferson County that may be related to Warren Bland was Samuel Bland (C1829- ) born in Kentucky with Mary L. \_\_\_\_\_, (C1831- ), and children: Elizabeth, (C1835- ); Harvey (C1837- ); Warren, (C1839- ) and Leaven (Levin), (C1841- ). Obviously, this is not a single family household and may be a house full of siblings, whose parents have died, the younger ones being left to the care of the older.

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<sup>16</sup> Willard R. Jillison, The Kentucky Land Grants, (1925), pp. 267, 471, 1009.

<sup>17</sup> Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Vol. 53, p. 328.

Missing Connections:

Andrew Gimlin Bland Nothing is known about this fellow, not even enough to suppose he was a son of Osborne and Lettice Bland. Andrew appears in a deed of November 14, 1807, deeding 40 acres to Osborne Bland on Meshack's Creek, Cumberland County Kentucky. Andrew's property adjoins that granted to Osborne. In 1850, Greene County Indiana, at dwelling 986, lives William Bland (C1798- ) born in North Carolina, married to Elizabeth Bell, (C1809- ) born in Kentucky, possibly a widow. William and Elizabeth were married in Greene County July 4, 1849. In the 1850 Census they have a son Andrew G. Bland (9 months at census time 1850), and were living with three Bell children, ages 11-15, and a Mary Rapin, age 1.

Osborne Bland The 1850 Census for Cumberland County shows an Osborne Bland, a farmer, (C1810- ) born in Kentucky, with a wife Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (C1811- ), born in Tennessee. This couple had the following children in 1850: John (C1842- ); Jesse, (C1847- ); Mary (1850- 3 months). Earlier note was made of a couple, Osborne Bland and Mary Wilson in Monroe County, with children James W. Bland (1853- ) and "Letty" Bland (1856- ), (AC 4-2, p. 39). The names in this family obviously link them to Osborne and Lettice Bland, but how is uncertain.

This concludes discussion about the family of Osborne and Lettice Bland.

Hardin County Kentucky Family

John W. Bland of Elizabethtown Kentucky supplied a real find, a lengthy and detailed history of the Stark Family of Stafford County Virginia.<sup>10</sup> This book supplies a wealth of information that details the inter-family connections between Blands and English, Filkins, Filler, Gwatkins, Hansborough, Harrison, Lampton, Overall, Reno, Smith, Spillsby, Stark, Weedon, and others. Most of these family connections enhance our knowledge about two families that existed in Hardin County Kentucky during the early 19th Century: Daniel Bland, (C1764-1838), son of John Bland, (1725-1795), and Margaret Osborne and James Bland (1780-1829), son of John's brother Thomas (C1719-1788).

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<sup>10</sup> Mary Kathryn Harris and Mary Iva Jean Jorgenson, James Stark of Stafford County Virginia and his Descendants, Vol. 1. esp, pp. 268,270,274, 388-97, and 430ff.

The Family of James Bland. James Bland (1780-1829) was born in Fauquier County Virginia and died in Hardin County Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas Bland, (1719-1788) and Jane \_\_\_\_\_ Smith. (VU., pp. 478-479; AC 3-1, pp. 30-32 and 4-2, pp. 31-32). Although there is no certainty, the Stark family genealogy suggests the possibility that the maiden name of Jane \_\_\_\_\_ Smith, widow of Joseph Smith, wife of Thomas Bland and mother of James Bland was English, a name that carried over into intermarriages among the children of James Bland and Susannah Stark (1783-1852) (previously spelled Starke in error). James and Susannah, whose parents were James Stark (1747-1829), and Elizabeth Priest, (C 1750-1833) had nine children, including:

1. Thomas Bland, (1803-1823), who did not marry.
2. Elizabeth Bland, (C1806- died between 1850/1860). Elizabeth married Richard Richards July 19, 1825 in Hardin County.
3. Henry Bland, (1808-1881). Henry married Mariah English, (1809-1834), on August 11, 1829. By Mariah, Henry had the following children: A. Ann Elizabeth Bland (1830-1915), who married John Richard Gaither November 22, 1849; B. Elmira Bland (1832-1876), who married Horace G.V. Wintersmith, November 26, 1850. Following the death of Mariah English, Henry remarried Alice V. Harding, (1810-1880) on April 23, 1835. By Alice, Henry had the following children: A. Maria Bland (1836-1887), did not marry; B. Strother H. Bland (1837-1925), who married Kate E. Parepoint (1840-1885) on February 8, 1860. This couple had nine children including: (1) Edward Evarts Bland ( May 5, 1861- ); (2) Alice Viola Bland (February 28, 1863- ). Alice married Olean L. Brownson, in 1893; (3) Charles August Bland, (January 13, 1865- ) who married Edna E. \_\_\_\_\_; (4) Harvey Otis Bland (1868-1956), who married Lena Van Meter, (1871-1953); (5) Susan Elizabeth Bland, (December 5, 1870- ); (6) Lillian Katherine Bland (1873- ); (7) Henry Francis Bland, (August 12, 1876- ); (8) William Sprigg Bland (May 16, 1878 -October 13, 1938); C. Lavenia Bland, (1839-1892), 3rd child of Henry Bland by Alice Harding, married John Overall February 7, 1856; D. James Henry Bland, (1843-1894); E. Evarts U. Bland (1845- ). Evarts married Helen Trabue November 23, 1886 and had by her Anita Virginia Bland (1893- ).
4. Jane Bland, (1811-1848), married Leonard D. Farmer, April 3, 1829.



5. William Bland (1813-1861), married Adeline English (1817-1891), May 14, 1835, a sister of Mariah English, first wife of William's brother Henry. William Bland and Adeline English had the following family: A. James W. Bland, (1836-1838); B. Weedin S. Bland, (1838- ); C. Alonzo Bland (1839-1916) who married Mary E. Simmons, (1845-1887). Alonzo and Mary had three daughters, (1) Ada (1868- ); (2) Josie L. Bland (1871- ) and (3) Iva Bland (1879- ); D. Melissa Bland (1841-1844). E. Horace Woodford Bland (1844-1933), who married Evaline English, (1851-1924) in 1876. His children were: (1) William Churchill Bland, (July 1879 - ) who married Nell Nall; (2) Hugh E. Bland (April 1882 - ); (3) Ida Bland, (May 1886 - ). F. Mary Elizabeth Bland (1846- ); G. Henry L. Bland, (1851-1852); H. Ada Bland (1857-1876).

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

7. Mary Ann Bland, (1817-1876), married John English, (1813-1877) on January 18, 1836.

8. Malinda Bland (1819-1886), who married William Abel, November 12, 1839.

9. Lucretia Bland (C1824-1865) married Elijah Hansborough, January 17, 1841. Elijah was the son of Elijah Hansborough and Margaret Stark, sister of Susannah Stark, Lucretia's mother.

#### The Family of Daniel Bland

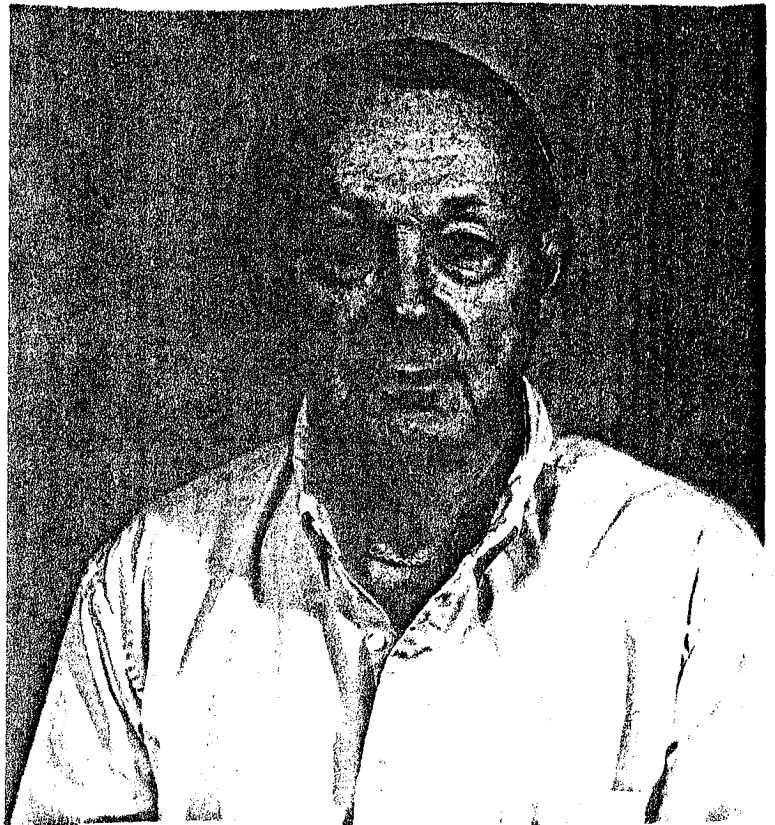
James Stark, (1747-1829), father of Susannah Stark, (1783-1852) who married James Bland (1780-1829), had a sister Sarah Ann Stark, (1749-C1820), who lived and died in Fauquier County Virginia and married Edmund Homes Jr. in 1765. One of their daughters, Susannah Homes, (C1766-1831), married Henry Lampton. Susannah and Henry made the move to Kentucky. They had a family of twelve children, including a son Henry M. Lampton (1808-1889), who married (1) Maria Upton in 1832 and (2) Nancy Tabb in 1870. By Maria Upton, Henry Lampton had two daughters Mary Angeline Lampton, (1835-1919), and Emily Lampton, (1837-1918), both of whom married grandsons of Daniel Bland (C1764-1838), son of John Bland and Margaret Osborne, and Elizabeth Hughes (C1778-1838) (see photos of Mary Angeline Lampton, AC 4-1, p. 12). On February 24, 1853, Mary Angeline Lampton married John Daniel Bland, (1828-1876), grandson of Daniel and Elizabeth through their son Jessie Henry Bland (1805-1862) and his wife Eliza Spurrier, (1805-1884 photo, AC 4-1, p. 11). On January 17, 1856, Emily Lampton married Thomas Osborne Bland (1832-1898), brother of John Daniel Bland. Their families have been previously detailed (AC 3-1, p. 29, 4-2, p. 30).

**THE BLAND FAMILY OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA**

The analysis that follows concludes what was begun in the last issue, (AC 6-1, pp. 8-35, esp. pp. 13-18) about the Bland Family that migrated from Loudon County Virginia into South Carolina between 1764-1782. The major focus is upon the children of Avory Bland (1792-1857), son of Presley Bland (1768-1839) and Dicey Gunnels (1773-1856). Lesser attention will be given to descendants of Presley Bland's brother Payton Bland (1780-1815).

**Avory Bland (1792-1857)** I wish to pay special tribute to John Bland Mobley of Columbia South Carolina who has devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort to bringing together later lines descending from the children of Avory Bland (1792-1857) and his wife Mary Johnson. John worked tirelessly during the winter and spring of 1987-1988 gathering information about this line, including the wonderful collage of photos that comprise Attachment I of this Newsletter "**AVORY BLAND I and HIS DESCENDANTS**", (hereafter cited as ABHD). By June 11, John had exhausted himself, was suffering from life threatening angina and forced to undergo critical open heart surgery. I am happy and relieved to say that when last I spoke to him in early July, John was healing well. Any tribute to the service John Mobley has done for the Bland family would be an understatement, but for his work, those who descend from the Edgefield County Family, (I count myself among them), are truly in his debt.

John Bland Mobley  
1988



Avory Bland and Mary Johnson, married about 1820, had a known family of six children, including:

1. Johnson Avory Bland (July 14, 1821 - January 13, 1884), born and died in Edgefield County. Johnson Avory was converted to Catholicism August 22, 1869. Johnson Avory married Sarah A. Watson, (August 9, 1833 - July 31, 1882), on May 8, 1851. Both are buried at Woodland, the Bland Place Cemetery in Edgefield County. Johnson Avory Bland, his brother Elbert R. Bland (1823-1863) and their wives and children were Catholic, and the two brothers contributed major material support, including slave labor, to construction of St. Mary's Church in Edgefield County. Upon its completion in 1859-1860, the first five children of Johnson Avory Bland and Sarah A. Watson were chosen to be the first children baptized in the new church. The Slaves and their families who contributed their labor to the making of the church were invited to sit in the balcony to hear the first service, after which everyone, white and black alike, congregated at Woodland for a massive family reunion. After the Civil War, many of the slaves hitherto in the Bland family, (VU p. 518), slipped away to find their own fortunes. The Bland family turned entrepreneur, hiring many whites and former slaves as employees in a large saw mill operation. The saw mill was such a success in Edgefield County, that between 1892-1895, many of Johnson Avory Bland's children migrated to Vidalia Georgia, shifting the saw mill operation there. This explains the tendency of so many in this family to move to Vidalia. Upwards of one hundred non-family moved to Vidalia with the operation. Johnson Avory Bland had a family of thirteen children, (VU pp. 513-514). Upon the birth of Johnson Avory's first child, Sophir Alice Bland, (1852-1897), Johnson' Avory's elation was so great that he declared he would have twelve children, with a silver chalice made for each. Whereupon he ordered a silversmith to make twelve cups, with Bland engraved on each. The name of each child, as it was born, would be engraved on the opposite side. When a thirteenth child, died unnamed in its infancy, Johnson Avory gave what would have been its silver chalice to the St. Mary's Catholic church. John Bland Mobley holds six of these chalices. While visiting John at his home in Columbia South Carolina, November 1987, it was my honor to drink wine with John, his friend James and Albert Turner Jr. of Johnston S.C., from one of these chalices. John knows the whereabouts of four of the other chalices. Three, including the one given to St. Mary's church, have been lost. (Photos of Johnson Avory Bland and Sarah Watson appear in ABHD, PP. 3, 5). The children of Johnson Avory Bland and Sarah Watson were as follows:

A. Sophir Alice Bland (June 23, 1852 - October 1, 1897). (See Photo, ABHD, P. 16-18). Sophir lived and died in Edgefield County and is buried at the Bland Place Cemetery. She married James Furman Mobley Sr. (1850-1914) on December 19, 1872. James Furman Mobley and Sophir Alice Bland had a family of ten children including: (1) Lela Bland Mobley (1874-1875); (2) Edwin Ruthin Mobley, (1875-1975). Edwin Ruthin Mobley married Jessie Gomillion Mobley, (1883-1961) on March 30, 1905, and by her had a family of four, including (a) James Edwin Mobley, who married and divorced Martha Crawford and second, Nell McDaniel; (b) an unnamed infant son; (c) Anna Louise Mobley, who married James Monroe Swearingen; (d) Arthur Vardell Mobley, who married Ernestine Louise Park. (3) Sallie Lucretia Mobley, (1876-1876); (4) Johnson Bland Mobley Sr. (1877-1957). Johnson married (1st), Irene Louise Lieper ( - 1914), on October 25, 1911, by whom there were no children. Second, Johnson married Harriette Anne Minick (1891-1982). By Harriette, Johnson had one child (a) Johnson Bland Mobley Jr. The correspondent who has put together this massive and magnificent collection of family information.; (5) James Furman Mobley Jr., (1879-1961) James Furman Mobley was born Edgefield County and died at Belville Illinois. He married the widow Margaret M. Milburn Maule, (1883-1968) at Alton Illinois, but had no children by her; (6) Clyde Simpkins Mobley, (1887-1974). Clyde, born in Edgefield County died in Waukegan Illinois. He married Lillian Litchfield Cissna, (1891-1979) in 1910. Clyde and Lillian had six children including (a) Clyde Simkins Mobley Jr. who married Harriet Lehr; (b) Alice Marguerite Mobley, who married Fred Stuerzl; (c) George Bland Mobley; (d) "Jimmie" James Furman Mobley III, who married Barbara Young; (e) Lois Beth Mobley, who married (1st) Ralph Robert Spencer and (2nd) Robert Charles Miller; (f) Donald Edwin Mobley Sr., who married (1st) Mary Carey and (2nd) Sandra \_\_\_\_\_. (7) Unnamed girl, who died as an infant; (8) Fannie Kathryn "Kate" Mobley, (1883-1907). Fannie was born in Edgefield County and died in Asheville North Carolina. She married "Will" William Brook Hoyt (1877-1941) on August 6, 1906 and had by him a single child, (a) Katheryn "Little Kate" Mobley, who married Melvin Spofford Hatch; (9) Mary Louise Mobley, (1886 died in infancy); (10) Gus A. Mobley (died in infancy in 1882).

B. Arthur Simkins Bland (April 12, 1854 - January 1888). Arthur was born and died in Edgefield County. He married Mamie Bolton, April 18, 1877. They had one infant child, who was killed with his mother in a horseback accident, thus bringing this line to a premature close. (See photo, ABHD, p. 4).

C. Avory Bland II (January 25, 1857 - July 17, 1901). (Photo, ABHD, PP. 4-5) Avory was born and died in Edgefield County. He served as Mayor of Johnston South Carolina between 1875-1889. Avory married, November 6, 1888, Ella E. Wright (March 5, 1866 - February 25, 1926). Ella married (2nd) George Waters. The children of Avory Bland and Ella Wright were as follows: (1) Avory Bland III (1889-1963). Avory was born and died in Edgefield County, (Photo, ABHD, P 5-6). He married Martha Edwards Watson (1893- ). Their children were (a) Martha Rachel Bland, who married Oliver Mitchell Lamarre; (b) Avory Bland IV, who married Betty Jewell Derrick; (c) Sarah Rebecca Bland. (2) Julian Pickens Bland (1891-1961), (Photo, AHBD, P.5,7). Julian married Anna Snow Jeffries (1894- ) and by her had three children: (a) a stillborn child; (b) Katherine Snow Bland, who married Louis Shelton Sawyer; (c) Julian Pickens Bland II, who married Mary Ann Wells Coile (3) Martha Elberta Bland (1894-1977), (Photo, AHBD P. 5,8). Martha married William Wallace Turner Sr. (1896-1957) on June 5, 1917. They had two children: (a) William Wallace Turner Jr., who married Elizabeth Ann Mae Blankenhorn; (b) Albert Bland Turner Sr., who married Nancy Corley.

D. Albert "Ebb" W. Bland (September 16, 1858 - November 25, 1894), never married. He was born and died in Edgefield County. (See Photo, ABHD, p. 4).

E. Catherine "Kate" Smyley Bland (April 26, 1860 - June 29, 1903), (See Photo, ABHD p. 15). Catherine married John Edner Schumpert (June 13, 1859 - December 31, 1917), on December 20, 1882. Catherine was born in Edgefield County. She and John Schumpert died at Vidalia, Toombs County Georgia. Their children were: (1) St. Clair Schumpert, (1883-1885); (2) William Marion Schumpert (1899- ) married Josephine Overman on September 10, 1926; (3) Ruby Selma Schumpert (1886-1959), on May 25, 1904 married H.C. White. They had a single child, (a) Kathryn Schumpert White, who married Dr. John H. Pinholster; (4) Mary Helen Schumpert (1888-1968), married on May 19, 1908, W.S. Boatwright. Their children were (a) Wallace Sumpter Boatwright, who married Lenora Lovejoy; (b) Adelaide Nicholson Boatwright, who did not marry; (c) John Schumpert Boatwright, who did not marry; (d) Frederick William Boatwright, married Dorothy Benson; (e) Wallace Bland Boatwright, married Leila Anderson. (5) Alice Mobley Schumpert, (1893-1980), married John Elie Matthews (1892-1933) on November 24, 1814. Their children were: (a) John Elie Mathews Jr. who married Gwendolyn Howard Game; (b) Alice Schumpert Mathews; (c) William Hugh Mathews, who married Mary Ann Shaw; (d) Helen Mathews, who married Charles Harding Jr. (6) John Edner Schumpert Jr., (1896-1983), married Mary Cleveland Zellner, (1896- ) on November 4, 1919. Their children were (a) Mary Zellner Schumpert; (b) John Elbert Schumpert, who married Ann Earl Schecter Rothermel; (c) John Earl Schumpert; and (d) Mary Ann Schumpert.

F. Emma Rosa Bland (March 9, 1861 - May 15, 1923). Emma was born in Edgefield County. She married (1) Frank Harry Wilson (1859-1894), December 27, 1887, and moved with him to Vidalia, Georgia. By Frank, Emma had a single child, (1) Alice Caroline Wilson, (1892-living in 1988), who married (1st) Frank Mallette Grady, (1890-1939), February 18, 1911. Their children were: (a) Frank Mallette Grady Jr., who married (1st), \_\_\_\_\_ Hastings and (2nd) Elise Cooksley; (b) Thomas Treutlen Grady, who married Jane Jordan; (c) Alice Wilson Grady, who married James Leland Jackson. Second Alice Caroline Wilson married Eugene Yerbery III by whom there were no children. After the death of Frank Harry Wilson, Emma Rosa Bland remarried to Cecil Lamar Parker, ( \_\_\_\_\_ - October 8, 1919) and went to live with him in Brunswick, Georgia. By Cecil Parker, Emma had three children, all born in Brunswick Georgia: (1) Roberta Lucille Parker, (1902-1988) who married (1st), Harry F. Weidner. Second, Roberta married John Mercer Davis, (1901-1967) June 1920, and had by him a single child (a) Raymond Lamar Davis, who married Sybil Parker. (2) Blandell Parker (1905-1982), who married (1st) Robert C. Weadon, by whom she had a single child (a) Joan Weadon, who married Zack D. Cravey Jr.. Second, Blandell married Jonathan Morris Kent (1889-1970) of St. Simons Isle, in 1937; (3) Cecil Lamar Parker, Jr. ( \_\_\_\_\_ -1968), married (1st) Rollena Price and (2nd) Cecile \_\_\_\_\_.

G. Frank Stanford Bland (September 6, 1862 - April 23, 1903). (See Photo, ABHD, PP. 4,9-13). Frank was born and died in Edgefield County. On April 26, 1888, Frank married Laura Wright, (April 11, 1862 - February 4, 1902), a sister of Ella C. Wright, wife of Frank's brother Avory Bland II, (1857-1901). Frank Stanford Bland and Laura Wright had three children: (1) Sallie Watson Bland, (1890-1968), who married Samuel Egbert Brown. (1886-1945) on October 3, 1907. Their children were (a) Stanford Brown, who never married; (b) Ormond Jefferson Brown, who married Leatha Claire Cox; (c) Samuel Roger Brown, who married Roena Elizabeth Bookhart; (d) Barbara Ethel Brown, who married John M. Anderson; (e) Louise Brown, who married Robert R. Cline; (f) Sara Anne Brown, married Philip C. Cocke III (2) Frank Stanford Bland II, (1891-1931), who married Petulah "Pet" Lagrone (1890-1974). Their children were (a) Frank Stanford Bland III, who married Emmie Dozier Mitchell; and (b) Jack Lagrone Bland, who married Elizabeth Conley; (3) Mattie Louise Bland (1897-1983), who married John James Conyers (1894-1985) of St. Simons Isle, February 13, 1917. Their children were (a) James Bland Conyers, who married Jean Victoria Moore; (b) Sarah Louise Conyers; (c) Courtney Jack Conyers, who married Veronica Goldsmith.

H. Johnson Avory "Johnny" Bland (March 27, 1864 - December 27, 1951), (See Photo, ABHD, PP. 4,14). Johnson Avory Bland was born in Edgefield County and died in Vidalia Georgia. He married Lillian Sawyer (January 2, 1871 - May 20, 1948), about 1891. Their children were (1) John Alton Bland (1892-1960), who married (1st) Emma Strain in Darien Georgia and (2nd) Nettie Reid Mattox. There were no children by either marriage; (2) Frances Kathryn Bland (1894-1972), who never married. (3) Earl Sawyer Bland (1896-1919), who did not marry. Earl was killed in an automobile accident enroute home after being discharged from the military service after World War I; (4) Thelma Bland (1899-1987), who married (1st) George Peabody Paulk (1893-1968) and (2nd) Ray Utley in March 1976. There were no children by either husband. (5) Madge Bland, (1901-1972), who never married; (6) Olin Bland (1904-1982), who married Stanley N. Reeves, (1901-1984). Stanley and Olin died in Avon Park Florida.

I. Rebecca Elberta Bland (1863-1865).

J. Martha Lucretia Bland (1865-1866).

K. Walter Hill Bland (July 21, 1870 - June 1895). Born and died in Edgefield County, Walter did not marry.

L. William Bland (1872-1874)

M. A daughter who died as an infant, name unknown.

2. Elbert R. Bland (April 29, 1823 - September 20, 1863). Elbert was born in Edgefield County and was killed at the Battle of Chickamauga. On March 15, 1854, Elbert married Emeline Rebecca Griffin (January 8, 1835 - March 29, 1891). Their children were (VU, pp. 514-516, and ABHD, p. 3):

A. Lela Elbert Bland (December 17, 1854 - October 13, 1911), who married James Brooks Tompkins, (November 15, 1848 - ), on May 18, 1880. They had a single child, (1) Wallace Elbert Bland Tompkins, (1881- ) who married Sarah Warren, December 22, 1904. Wallace and Sarah had two children: (a) William Warren Tompkins, who married Henrietta Smith; and (b) Leila Bland who married Robert Harold Norris.

B. Wallace Bland (September 19, 1856 - July 5, 1880), was killed in a public argument, and never lived to marry and have children.

C. St. Julian "Jule" Bland (February 8, 1858 - June 12, 1891). St. Julian married Mary "Pet" Parker (November 23, 1863 - September 20, 1947) on April 29, 1885. St. Julian Bland and Mary Parker had a single child, (1) Elberta Bland (1886-1956) who married James Bruce Coleman, (1886-1955). James Coleman and Elberta Bland had no children. Secondly, Mary Parker married Isaac Walker Fowler, (1845-1924).

3. Mary Ann Bland (February 24, 1825 - November 27, 1865), who married John S. Smyley (1819-1867), December 3, 1840, (VU, pp. 516-517).

4. Randall W. Bland (July 20, 1829 - January 4, 1849). Randall died unmarried and is buried alongside his mother and father in Edgefield County. (VU, p. 517).

5. George Bland (C1830 - ) born and died in Edgefield County. Died young and did not marry. (VU, P. 517).

6. Harriet "Hattie" Bland (June 21, 1831 - ), (VU. pp. 517-519). Harriet married three men. Her first husband was Stanmore Holstein Jr. whom she married about 1851. There was one child, Stanmore Holstein Jr. by this marriage. Second, Harriet married William Logue, (C1826-1858), on May 16, 1854. By Logue, of whom it has been said, he did not shine in the eyes of his father in law, Harriet bore two children:

A. Mary Ann Logue (March 11, 1855 - 1934). Mary Ann married William Derryl Warren, February 21, 1878. They had a single child, (1) Sarah Logue (1881- ).

B. William Logue (C1858- ).

Third, Harriet Bland (1831 - ) married Lawrence Johnson, but had no children by him.

This concludes discussion about the family of Avory Bland and his wife Mary Johnson.

### Payton Bland (1780-1815)

In communications with Robert Louis Kibbe of Bridge City Texas and his daughter Elizabeth Kibbe of Virginia Beach Virginia, I have discovered that Fara Elizabeth Bland (1893-1976) married Robert Louis (not Richard) Kibbe (1888-1982). The Kibbes have been good enough to share some excellent photographs of Farah Elizabeth Bland Kibbe, and John Clebrun (previously spelled Clayborne) Bland (1848-1895) and Martha Jane Johnston (1856-1938), her parents, which are displayed on the photo page (page 40). (Previous discussion in AC 6-1, p.27).



In the previous issue, I tentatively noted a wife of Silas Bland (1850-1933) as Nora Alivida Lindscomb or Bossier, (1850-1927). Benjamin Bland of Edinburg Texas has set me straight. Nora was born Nora Awildi Linsicomb,<sup>17</sup> her mother's name. Subsequently, her mother married a man named Bossier. Benjamin reports that he remembers his grandmother Nora Awildi as not particularly kind toward his family. It appears that Nora's son Oliver (1883-1902) began courting Octavia Alice Peveto. Returning home from a visit with Octavia, Oliver caught pneumonia and never recovered. During this terminal illness, Oliver's brother Lender Lee Bland (1881-1952), took up the courtship of Octavia Alice Peveto and married her January 31, 1901, a union that occurred before the demise of poor Oliver. Thus did Nora Awildi Linsicomb Bland become embittered, to the discomfit of her grandchildren. (Previous discussion in AC 6-1, p. 29).

#### MISSING LINKS

Stephen J. Bland Merrilyn Gail Lewellen of Fort Worth Texas is searching for information about Stephen J. Bland, father of Mary Etta Bland, born March 22, 1889 in Vandalia Missouri and died November 17, 1962 in Bowling Green Missouri. Etta married (1) Ernest Lewellen, February 26, 1908 and (2) Wallace Mitchell. Those with further information should contact Merrilyn at 4309 Plantation Drive, Fort Worth Texas, 76116.

Thomas and Ann Bland, Casey County Kentucky Sherrill Rae Hoefler of Craig Colorado, sends information concerning double descent by herself and her husband from the Bland family. Sherrill's husband descends from Thomas Bland and Ann, his wife, from Casey County Kentucky. Thomas may have been the son of Samuel Bland (C1780-1848), and Rachel Jean "Jenny" Shecklesworth, (1784-1847) of the Washington County family. The juxtaposition of information previously discussed (AC4-2, p. 40; 5-2, pp. 30-31), suggests that Thomas Bland (1803- ) and his wife Ann, were parents of Cynthia Jane Bland, (May 11, 1825- ), who married Levi Sandusky Sr., (1815-1887) on February 4, 1841. In this formulation, Ann must have died about 1825, perhaps during Cynthia's birth, for soon after Thomas married Elizabeth Stephens (C1800-1853). Thomas subsequently married Lucretia Riggins in 1856 but had no children

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<sup>17</sup> This name lends itself to many spellings. Benjamin Bland provided me a marriage certificate, September 23, 1870, which spells her name twice as Awildi Linsicomb, and states she married Silas Bland September 14, 1870. This is the spelling used here.

Among the children of Levi Sandusky and Cynthia Jane Bland was Thomas Sandusky, father of Susan Burnette Sandusky who married William H. Hoefer. They were parents of John William Hoefer, who married Ruby Lucille Atteberry, who were parents of John William Hoefer Jr. John married Sherrill Rae Bland. Sherrill descends from Jesse Bland of Missouri, who married Melisha (Melissa) Pearl of Kentucky. They were parents of Edward McKenna Bland (1891-1940) who was born at Lakota North Dakota and died at Tulsa Oklahoma. Other children were sisters Pearl, Daisy and Kathryn. Edward McKenna Bland married Florence Luella Pratt (1898- ) about 1915. They were parents of Atwell McKenna Bland (1920- ), who married January 10, 1944, Melba Frances Unzicker. Atwell's brother Dwain Edward Bland (1917-1979), was born in Berthold North Dakota and died in Roosevelt Utah. Atwell and Melba were parents of Sherrill Rae Bland.

Florida Bland: Martha Willcox Temple wrote an inquiry about the parents of Florida Bland, who married William Bell. Given Florida's home in Dallas County Alabama, she traces well to Thomas Bland (1830-1875) who married Alabama Kelly. Thomas was the seventh child of Silas Blann (C1792-1858) and his wife Elizabeth, (AC 5-1, p. 38).

Thomas Walker Bland: Joseph R. Van Bogaert of Louisville, Kentucky, who is a descendant of Reuben Blan of Pulaski County Kentucky, (C1790- ), has made an interesting disclosure about why Reuben's son, Walker Blan (C1827- ) seemed to elude detection by census takers, (VU pp. 480-481, AC 4-2, pp. 39-40): in fact Walker was Thomas Walker Blan, and was found in the 1860 census next to Joshua Blan, with a family that included his wife Louisa Raybourn, (1828- ); Rubin Blan, (1848- ); John R. Blan, (1849- ); Margaret R. Blan, (1851- ); Penelope J. Blan, (1852- ); Joshua Bell Blan, (1854-1931) who married Nancy Elizabeth Casey in Wright County Missouri, July 26, 1874; Edward R. Blan, (1855- ); Daniel J. Blan, (1858- ); and Roderick W. Blan, (1860- ).

Living just adjacent to Thomas Walker Blan in Casey County Kentucky, 1860, was Joshua Blan, (VU, p. 480), (1818- ); Joshua's second wife Malvina Richardson, (1834- ) whom he married April 22, 1854; William R. Blan, (1843- ); Minerva S. Blan, (1844- ); John S. Blan, (1849- ); Isabel Blan, (1851- ); These four children were born to Joshua's first wife, whose name remains unknown. By Malvina Richardson, as of 1860, Joshua was father of Matilda A. Blan, (1857- ); Sallie Blan, (C1859/1860- ).

This information fills out considerable information about the children of Joshua and Thomas Walker Blan, sons of Reuben Blan and Dicey West.

New Blands in Pennsylvania. Neil Bland of Lumberport Pennsylvania sent me information from old histories of Cambria and Berks Counties Pennsylvania. In Cambria County, <sup>20</sup> located on the western side of the state, there was Richard Bland, born in England December 6, 1873, the son of Gathorne Bland (1847-1925) and Sarah Delaney, (1853-1894). Richard Bland had two brothers, William, who lived in England and Matthew D. who lived at Schenectady New York. Richard married Louise North in Phillipsburg Pennsylvania, June 21, 1893. Richard and Louise had the following children: 1. William; 2. Sarah, who married Clifton Seeley; 3. Gathorne, who married Grace Sullivan and lived at Cresson Pennsylvania; 4. Christopher; 5. Ada, who married Mack Gerow and lived at Knoxville Pennsylvania; 6. Ella; 7. Richard.

Richard, "at an early age" came to the mines of Pennsylvania and worked his way into management, serving as Superintendent of Transportation, with charge over 31 mines, for the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company, until 1920, when he became Superintendent of the Navy Smokeless Coal Company of Carrolltown Pennsylvania for three years. His career then seems to have taken a downward turn. Richard belonged to the Episcopal Church, was a joiner and Republican.

Fred Bland, (December 17, 1847 - ) was born in Wurtemberg Germany, the son of B. Bland and Mary Yeckley. On September 5, 1871, Fred married Annie Newhouse in Cambria County. They had ten children: 1. George; 2. Amanda, who married William Clawson; 3. Ludwig; 4. Fred Jr.; 5. James; 6. Mary; 7. Wellington; 8. John; 9. Bessie; 10. Adam.

Fred migrated to Gallitzin Pennsylvania in 1867 and worked as a cooper until 1877. In that year he began working for himself as a lumberman and butcher and in 1889 opened the Bland mine and "a large general store" in a place called Blandburg (whether the name of the town derived from the mine is not clear. Nor is entirely clear whether Fred's business constituted what labor historians would call a company town in which one man owned the means of productions and services for the laborers).

In Berks County, <sup>21</sup> there is a historical record of Robert Bland (1783-1836) and his wife Mary Minker (C1796-living in 1850), born in Pennsylvania, for whom the town of Blandon (originally Blandtown), where Robert settled about 1822, was named. Robert was a blacksmith all his life. According to their son William, Robert

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<sup>20</sup> Gable, History of Cambria County, Vol. 2. pp 958-959; Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Cambria County, pp. 592-593.

<sup>21</sup> Biographical History of Berks County, Pennsylvania, pp. 593, 1320, 1324; George M Merseer and Gloria Jean Merseer, The Passing Scene, Vol. 2; pp. 120-122.

and Mary were Quakers originally but converted to the Episcopalian church. He and Mary had ten children: 1. Henry; 2. William (December 12, 1824 - 1894). William married first to Mary Dickinson (C1818- July 7, 1877). They had a single child who died as an infant. Second, William married a widow, Ethel Goodhart Bechtel, but there were no children.; 3. Robert, who on November 12, 1861, married Elizabeth A. Jones. They had a single daughter Laura, who married Charles A. Brown, a confectioner. Robert made his way up in the local business world; 4. Hannah, who married Peter Gift; 5. Mary, who married (1) William Hughes and (2) John Noll; 6. Rachel, who married (1) Amos Lightfoot and (2) Daniel S. Fox. Rachel died in Iowa; 7. Hannah, (C1825 - living in 1850), found in the home of Thomas O'Neal in 1850. Hannah married D.R. Smucker; 8. Elizabeth, who "died single"; 9. Jane, who married Samuel Field; and 10. Sarah, (C1833-living in 1850) who "died single".

A man whose time was parallel to the above elder Robert Bland was Edward Bland (August 23, 1774 - ), who married Martha \_\_\_\_\_. Edward and Martha had the following children: 1. Edward. (January 22, 1794 - ); 2. Catherine, (December 7, 1798 - ); 3. Mary, (July 16, 1800 - ); 4. Ann, (April 13, 1802- ); 5. William, (September 13, 1804 - ); 6. Samuel, (November 13, 1806 - ); 7. Robert, (January 22, 1809 - ); 8. Adam, (May 5, 1811 - ); 9. John, (January 16, 1816 - ); Margaret L. (January 19, 1819 - ) who married Isaac Kupp, August 4, 1839).

The 1850 Census for Berks County shows a number of other Blands residing in the county. One, whose age suggest she was a sister, or in-law, of Robert and/or Edward Bland was Martha Bland, (1776- ), and Robert Bland (1809- ), both born in Pennsylvania, and living in the home of George Mafton. Living just adjacent to George Mafton was John Bland (1816- ) and his wife Rachel \_\_\_\_\_ as well as their children Caleb (1844- ) and Martha (1848- ). With Hannah Bland, (1825- ), noted above in the home of Thomas O'Neal, were children Henrietta Bland (1844- ) and Willis Bland (1845- ). In the very next house was found Sarah Bland (1808- ); with Samuel Bland, (1830- ); Elizabeth Bland (1838- ); Margaret Bland (1838- ); William H. Bland, (1842- ) and Harriett Bland (1847- ).

Blands of Henry County Tennessee: Gene Mattocks of Yuba City California sends the following information that fleshes out this previously noted family, (AC 4-1, p. 25): James Bland (1797-before 1875), born in Tennessee and died in Sebastian County, Arkansas was married to Kizziah, (1805-before 1875), who was born in Tennessee and died in Sebastian County Arkansas. James and Kizziah showed a household with three children, Viney (1831- ); Kizziah, (1836- ) and Martha, (1839- ). In the next house was George Porter Bland, (January 27, 1826-February 27, 1877), with his wife Pernita Jane Ashlock, (May 9, 1830 - August 29, 1875), whom he married in Henry County, March 1, 1848. Pernita was born possibly in Graves County Kentucky. George and Pernita had a daughter Mary who was 7 months

in 1850 and evidently died young. Their children were 1. Henry W. Bland, (August 27, 1851 - October 31, 1890) who was born in Henry County Tennessee and died in Sebastian County Arkansas. Henry married Nancy Nixon in 1873; 2. Nancy Jane Bland, (January 5, 1853 - February 23, 1881), born in Henry County Tennessee and died in Sebastian County Arkansas. Nancy married Thomas A. Thurman; (3) Betty Bland, (1856- ) born in Henry County, nothing more known; (4) Pernita Adeline, (1858 - 1897) born in Tennessee and died in Arkansas, married Archibald W. Brewer September 7, 1879; (5) Tennessee Arkansas Bland, (July 13, 1861 - December 23, 1933), was born in Sebastian County Arkansas and died in Haskell County Oklahoma. Tennessee Arkansas Bland married Thomas Clinton Ary August 3, 1879, in Sebastian County. Tennessee Arkansas (she got her name by being born at the time of the move from Tennessee to Arkansas) and Thomas Clinton Ary were the ancestral grandparents of Gene Mattocks; (6) James William Bland (March 2, 1867 - March 25, 1953), was born and died in Sebastian County. James married Alice Serena Barnes, December 25, 1890; (7) Amanda Angeline Bland, (February 14, 1869 - January 25, 1945), married William Marvin Witcher on March 29, 1888. She was born in Sebastian County and died in Haskell County Oklahoma.

Thus concludes Volume 6, Number 2 of "Among Cousins." I hope it is of some use to you. Mary Jane, Christina, Tommy and I, hope to see you in Pittsboro North Carolina, August 13-14. If not, we wish you a good summer and autumn.

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Virginia Ann West Bland  
See p. 5—above  
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Frances Edith Bland Christiansen  
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Frank West Bland (1861-1936)  
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Ernest Bland (1898-1975) and Ophia Stanley (1900- ) with James F. Bland. See P. 15 above. Courtesy Pamela Jones



Lucinda Bland (1869-1957) and John C. Sparks, with Howard C. Sparks. See P. 15 above. Courtesy Pamela Jones



Andrew J. Burch and Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Hiram Bland, (1825-1851). See P. 16 Above. Courtesy Pamela Jones

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