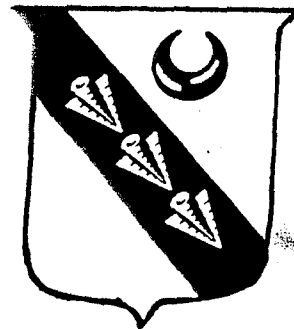


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MAX KESSINGER (1917-1988)

Max Kessinger died on September 26, 1988 after a long illness. He was one of those rare gentlemen, good and decent man, dedicated genealogist, thus a faithful and frequent correspondent, and owner of a keen sense of humor as well. Among the joys one always anticipated at forthcoming National Reunions was that Max Kessinger would be there with his wife Dee to entertain and delight everyone with his presence.

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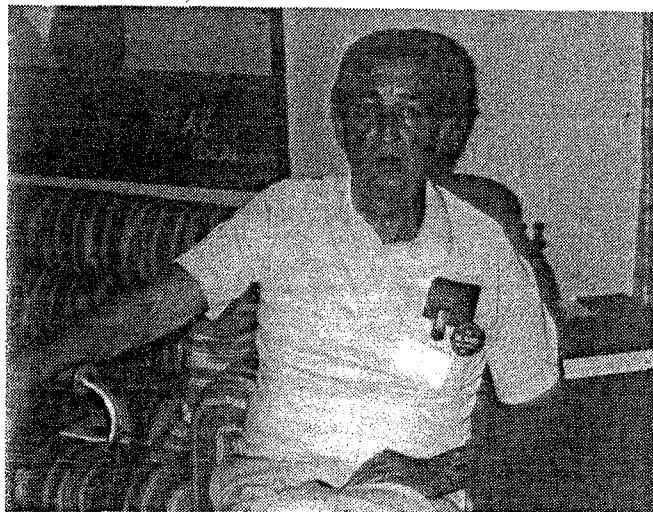
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Although it was obvious at the Fourth National Reunion last summer that Max was not well, it is a testament to his will and determination to be among his Bland Cousins that he attended anyway.

Max came from one of the most colorful family branches I have discovered. He loved to regale me with stories about how his great grandfather William Bland (1845-1883) came back from the Civil War a handsome and dashing young man, (see William's photo, AC 2-2, p. 34, and the story, AC 2-1, pp. 10-11), stole away Leannah Burnett (1850-1870), a mysterious beauty of the plains, the sweetheart, alas, of his younger brother Moses, who was detained in service to the Union until October 1865. Max showed me a letter written by old Moses that showed his bitterness when he recalled, 35 years later, that his brother had married "a woman named Burnett." Moses' revenge was that he outlived both and wrote the historical record. It is unfortunate that we do not have Leannah's recollection. Ultimately, Max descended from the Randolph County, North Carolina Family, founded were Moses Bland (1718-1800) and his wife Jane Wiggonton.

Max Kessinger was born in Muldane Kansas July 19, 1917, the son of Cresse Ernst Kessinger and Esther Lee Bland. Esther was the daughter of Levi Edward Bland and Ida M. Foudray, also Kansans. Max is survived by his wife Delores "Dee" Falk, whom he married July 28, 1946, and two children, Patricia Dee Kessinger and Marc Lee Kessinger. Max worked for many years as Chief of Administration for the Wichita Kansas Branch of the Internal Revenue Service. He retired in 1970.

Max demonstrated his love for his ancestors by his careful and insightful research and enlivened it with his eye for the humor in things. In turn, he earned the love and respect of many of us living today who share his interest in the history of the Bland family. Goodbye Max. Rest well.



Max Kessinger, August 10, 1985, Elizabethtown Kentucky
Courtesy Mary Jane Sine

The Fourth National Reunion, August 1988: The Fourth National Bland Reunion met at Pittsboro North Carolina, August 13-14, 1988. Each of the National Reunions thus far has had its own special character. The Fourth Reunion was superbly organized with a great deal of painstaking attention to detail by the hosts, Clyde and Hazel Ellis Bland of Pittsboro, and the associates who assisted them. These included Clyde and Hazel's daughters Peggy Bland Chason and Sally Bland Carr, and Clyde's sister Evie Bland Schmidt. Also assisting were Pete Chason, Antionette G. Marley, Harris and Dee Marley, Peggy Foxx, Doris Jean Bland and Auburn Bland Harris. Invocations were conducted by Reverend Thomas Bland and Reverend Tom Danek. The end result was a very happy and joyous reunion, marked by entertainment, good food and conversation, shared research information and just plain relaxing good times.

The Fourth Reunion was the largest so far, numbering 185 (unofficial count) from twenty two states. These included 131 from the local area and 54 from out of state, with ages of those in attendance ranging from infancy to 83. States represented were Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. By my count, if Michael Dukakis had been as well represented in last Fall's election we would now be calling our first lady "Miss Kitty."

Clyde Bland informed me that there was a surplus of \$573. which was distributed among the following cemetery funds: Richard Bland Cemetery Fund ¹; Hank's Chapel Christian Church; New Elam Christian Church; Gum Springs Baptist Church. The latter three churches, in Chatham County North Carolina each have Bland ancestors buried in their cemeteries.

Phyllis Michael of Bristol, Virginia and Lois Taylor of Shelbyville, Indiana, proposed a **Bland Family Quilt**, with donations for each section, proceeds to be given to a favorite charity or fund to be decided upon at a future reunion. This is a worthy idea which Phyllis and Lois will present as a matured proposal at the next reunion.

¹ The Richard Bland Cemetery project, which has as its objective preservation from commercial development of the cemetery at Jordan's Point Virginia, where Richard Bland (1710-1776) and many of his family were buried, is still active. Those who wish to make a tax free contribution to the fund should send it to **The Richard Bland Cemetery Fund**, CO/ President Clarence Maze, Richard Bland College, Petersburg Virginia, 23805. The Bland Family is grateful to President Maze and his staff as well as to Bill and Vera Moore of Hopewell Virginia, for their continuing interest in this project.

Other Reunions: A Bland reunion, representing the Bland Family descended from Joseph Bland of Frederick County Virginia, gathered at Big Flint, Doddridge County West Virginia on July 24, 1988. I received only a news clipping of this event and no other word.

The Forthcoming Fifth National Reunion, Mathison Mississippi:

The Fifth National Bland Reunion will meet August 12-13, 1989 at Mathison Mississippi, a small town about fifty miles from Jackson. The reunion will be sponsored by cousin Angelia Alford of Meban Mississippi. Angelia descends from the Duplin County North Carolina stem family, through Joseph Bland (C1750-1799), brother of James Bland (C1749-1799), and John Bland (C1754-1827), founders of the Chatham County North Carolina families, whose descendants sponsored the Fourth Reunion. The selection of Mathison Mississippi, in addition to Cousin Angelia's willingness to take on the job, maintains the now established tradition of holding the Reunions in alternate years in seaboard states and states further west, so that as many interested cousins as possible may attend. We look forward to seeing you in Mathison Mississippi next August.

Library Placements: During the most recent half-year, copies of A Vision of Unity were placed in The Satilla Regional Library, Douglas Georgia, and in The British Library, Department of Printed Books, Overseas English Section, London England. Cousin Eleanore Hayes Smith, Tucson Arizona, who previously dedicated all of her personal issues of Among Cousins to the Tucson Public Library, informed me that she has contributed copies of the 27 years worth of diaries of her ancestor Jacob Andrew Bland (1829-1903) of Ashland Indiana and Chariton Iowa, (AC 1-1, p. 8 and Attach. 15, and 1-2, pp. 25-26, and photos), to the Chariton Iowa Public Library, which will also extend to the Iowa Historical Society. Jacob's diaries also will be microfilmed by the Kansas Historical Society, Topeka Kansas. Mrs. Smith and her ancestor Jacob Andrew Bland descend from an English Seaman William Bland who came to America and was lost at sea in 1804. Mrs. Smith has been a faithful subscriber since 1982, but has not had much luck in enlarging her knowledge of her Bland line.

The Papers of Dorothy James (Mrs. Lee) Herrington: While catching up on, I am ashamed to confess, about two years of filing, I reread a letter from Cousin Merritt Page of Green City Missouri, who indicated that he had been informed by a correspondent in Westfield New Jersey that the prodigious research of Mrs. Lee Herrington, deceased, had been placed at the Westfield New Jersey Public Library. I called the Westfield Library, and the librarian of the Local History Room confirmed that Mrs. Herrington's Papers had indeed been formed into the "Herrington Collection".

Mrs. Herrington's work was enormous, her contacts and correspondence prolific and like many of us, she held a catholic interest in the Bland family. Possession of her papers, as they pertain to the Bland family, would prove to be immensely beneficial to many aspects of the family's research. After the Newsletter is completed, I will be writing to New Jersey and nearby correspondents to see if anyone has the time, means and disposition to survey the material to see what is there and estimate a cost for reproduction. In the meantime, this is a plea for volunteers who may be travelling to or near Westfield, which is a New Jersey town not far from major commercial centers, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Elizabeth, Jersey City and Newark. I would be glad to hear from anyone who may be in a position to do this preliminary investigation.

Collections for a History of the Ancient Family of Bland, by Nicholas Carlisle, Indexer Sought: This is a plea for help which might be of interest to those who can't find the origins of their line outside North America. I have a copy of this venerable book of Bland families in England, Scotland and Ireland, published in 1826. The book is 300 odd pages long and needs a modern index, preferably on a floppy disk. (one done by Fanny Bland Kimble sometime in the latter half of the 19th century just isn't adequate). If anyone would like to take this as a summer 1989 project, or longer, let me know.

Harriet Bland Green, Olympic Gold Medalist: I was interested to hear from a new correspondent Dorothea Elizabeth Gilbreath of St. Louis Missouri, who descends from the Washington County Kentucky Family through Elizabeth Bland, sister of Richard Park Bland, who married Frederick Ingman Tetley. Elizabeth wrote, "I did have the pleasure of meeting another 'cousin' Harriet Bland Green, who distinguished herself in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. She won a Gold Medal for the 100 meter relay team of the U.S. Her Grandfather was Judge Charles C. Bland, who was the brother of R. P. Bland and my great grandmother Elizabeth Bland Tetley. As far as I know she is still living but in very poor health." ²

Beatrice Bayley Give Me a Break: A correspondent favored me with a communication received from one John E. Bland of Bath Ohio, inviting him to take advantage of "exiting news for you and other Blands", the publication of "A brand new book, 'Bland Immigrants and Their New World Descendants'". Many of you with _____

² Letter, Elizabeth Gilbreath to Charles Bland, September 6, 1988. CF VU, pp. 463-477. Elizabeth Bland moved from Washington County, Kentucky to Bonne Terre Missouri, where she married Mr. Tetley. They had eleven children, including Elizabeth Tetley Greene, who was Dorothea Gilbreath's grandmother.

the surname Bland (but none of you who are allied to the Bland family by maternal lines, alas, you know the limits of the modern computer age) will have received an invitation to buy, Mr. Bland's book at the amazing price of just \$26.38. Mr. Bland claims to have tracked down 95% of the Blands around the world. But wait, that's not all! If you buy the book, you will also receive a directory of "virtually every Bland household throughout North America and Australia Today. You are personally registered in this section of the book." Now did you ever hear of such a thing? Somebody has went and gave our addresses to those Blands in Australia. Caveat Emptor!

The Not So Bland, Bland Family Cookbook: Just a note to let you know that several extra copies of this number are on hand and may be ordered for \$7.95. Also, Jane has indicated a willingness to either revise the original manuscript, or to prepare a second volume. If you have favorite family recipes you have not previously sent to Mary Jane, please do so. There are no magical genealogical formulas in this book, just good recipes.

Transition: Let us begin this on a happy note. In December 1988, Richard Park and Dorothy Bland's daughter Rebecca gave birth to Ryan Anthony Bland Trancuso. Thus, Ryan Anthony has the honor of having as his Great, Great Grandfather, Richard Park "Silver Dick" Bland (1835-1899). We welcome Ryan Anthony to the Bland family.

At the Reunion in August, I was saddened to learn of the death of Elaine Spencer Bland, wife of John T. Bland of Arlington Virginia, February 18, 1988. John and Elaine received my son Tommy and I for an overnight stay one night in October 1984, so I had the pleasure of meeting Elaine. Also, Herbert Francis Bland Jr., Paragould Arkansas, informed me of the death of his brother Robert Preston Bland of Paragould, February 21, 1988. Kenny Bland of Solsberry Indiana, sponsor for the 1987 Reunion, informed me that his father in law, Paul Culbert passed away August 2, 1988. Jane and I had the pleasure of meeting Paul at the 1987 Reunion. Roy Bland of Midland Texas wrote to tell me of the death of his wife Emma Lee Bland on October 12, 1988. Those of us who met Emma at the First National Reunion in Elizabethtown Kentucky will miss her. I note also the deaths of George Carlton Bland, brother of Richard Park Bland of Denver Colorado and Stephen and Worth Bland, cousins of Betty Bland Lovvorn of Ooltewah Tennessee, dates uncertain. I note also the passing of Robert G. Bland of Buffalo New York, September 17, 1988, and John Ramsden Bland, age 76, of Cooperstown New York, October 5, 1988. John Bland was born in England and served with the RAF during World War II, after which he moved to the United States. We mourn the passing of these members of the Bland family.

Note on Transitions: Please remember to send me obituaries when present day Bland family members pass away. Also, **please**, though I do not wish to seem morbid, make some arrangement for your next of kin to notify me by phone or mail, if you pass away, and make them understand that my publication is somewhat more personal than other subscriptions you may have.

I would enjoy expanding the **Transitions** column to marriages and births. For marriages, please let me know the names of the couple, maiden name of the bride, their ages if possible, where and when married. For births, include name, sex, and date of birth for the child and the full name and address of the parents. No advertisements will be sent to the parents. Photos would be welcome. Though I must reserve judgement whether to use them in **Among Cousins**, I would certainly add them to the album discussed below.

I now have a modest collection of photos of present day correspondents have sent to me, of themselves. I always enjoy seeing the faces of my correspondents. It is one of the pleasures of the National Reunions. If you have any recent photos that I may add to my collection, please send them, identified on the back by sender. Since these will go into an album, I would appreciate your sending copies you don't need returned.

VIRGINIA: THE JAMES RIVER FAMILY

Children of Richard Bland, 1710-1776 and Anne Poythress:

1. **Peter Randolph Bland, (1736-1781)** Information has been received that refines previous information about the family of Peter Randolph Bland, (VU, p. 163 and AC5-1, pp 14-17). Francis Bland of Paragould Arkansas sent me from the Fayette County Tennessee Library, a brief biography of Peter Randolph Bland, (shown in Paisley, cf Note 4, with dates (1769-March 3, 1834), one of the children of the elder Peter Randolph Bland's son Richard, who was said to have married a woman named Sallie Dickens. This Richard was earlier noted with children who included Sally Dickens Bland and Peter Randolph Bland. The new information indicates that Sally married a man named Broadnax, and that Peter married a woman named Sarah. Peter had inherited his father's estate, "Enfield" in Virginia. In 1824, Peter and Sarah moved into Fayette County Tennessee and set up a plantation near Belmont, which he called "Woodlawn". In 1834, four of Peter and Sarah's children died of diphtheria or cholera. Only a son Osceola Bland survived. Peter Randolph Bland the younger was a Presbyterian minister. He established the first Presbyterian Church at Emmaeus in Haywood County, and also was minister to the first Presbyterian church in Bolivar. When the First Presbyterian Church opened in Belmont, Peter Randolph Bland became minister and remained there for the rest of his life. Peter was reputedly

a stern faced man, with a serious nature and apocalyptic voice. The story is told that he picked up a man to ride in his buggy and abruptly asked if the man was prepared to meet God. Thinking, he was about to be murdered, the poor man fled. ³ Peter was reputed to be a wealthy man. Still living in 1860, the census of that year counted him with 105 slaves, the largest slave owner in the county.

Upon his death, Peter left his entire estate to his son Osceola, who died a year after his father. Osceola left the estate to a cousin Eliza Bland Yandell and to his aunt Sally Bland Broadnax, who evidently traveled to Fayette County with Peter. Part of the estate became the Woodlawn Cemetery at Belmont.

Margaret Joyal and Richard Knight, both of Virginia Beach Virginia, supplied the following information about Edward Bland, (1767-1831), son of Peter Randolph Bland and Judith Booker, (AC 5-1, pp. 17-18): ⁴

Paisley shows Edward's birth as August 8, 1767, rather than February 2, 1767, as previously reported. Edward died November 10, 1831. Paisley also clarifies previous information: Edward was indeed a lawyer in Nottoway and surrounding counties. Edward lived at a plantation called "Abbeville" as a bachelor, his sister Anne acting as mistress of the place. That says something for we know that Anne filed her will in 1806 (AC 5-1, p. 18) and Edward, rather long in the tooth for a bachelor even by 18th Century standards, married Rebecca Jones (October 20, 1791 - September 26, 1841) in Nottoway County June 29, 1808.

According to the information in Edward Bland's Bible Record, he and his wife Rebecca Jones had the following children:

A. Judith Maria Bland (October 19, 1809 - 1856), who married Henry C. Worsham March 16, 1825. Contrary to previous information published, Henry and Maria had five children, Rebecca, Lelia, Harriet,, Edward, and Patrick.

B. Margaret Emma Bland (July 17, 1811 - 1867), married George W. Harrison, November 20, 1827, and they moved to Texas. Margaret and George had three children, Lucy, Emma and Virginia.

C. Edward Stith Bland (April 11, 1813- died November 7, 1825).

³ Another version of this story has a barber-minister laying a straight razor across the neck of a customer and asking if he is prepared to die.

⁴ Family Bible owned by Edward Bland, (1767-1831), and Edward Bland Paisley, Compiler, Bland Genealogy, (July 11, 1964). According to Paisley, Peter Randolph Bland's wife Judith Booker was "noted for her piety and intelligence."

D. Ann Augusta Bland, (March 15, 1815-) married the Reverend Stephen Cocke November 5, 1833. They had three daughters, Willie, Ella and Nannie.

E. Martha Branch Bland, (February 4, 1817 -) married John David Williams October 1, 1835 and had by him a daughter Mary Elizabeth Poythress.

F. William Richard Bland, (December 14, 1818 - March 24, 1878). William married twice: (1) On September 27, 1843, to Elizabeth Ann Irby, (August 1, 1825 - August 1, 1848), by whom he had daughters Rebecca (July 25, 1844 - May 30, 1879) and Sarah A. Bland (June 14, 1846 - July 29, 1930). (2) On May 15, 1850, William Richard Bland married Matilda Oliver Epes (March 6, 1831 - August 18, 1892). Their seven children were as follows:

(1). Edward Bland (May 6, 1851 - October 30, 1901), at Blackstone Virginia. He married Nannie Cooke June 21, 1881 at Smith Grove Kentucky. Edward and Nannie had six children (a) Ernest (1883-1884); (b) Mattie Williams Bland (October 2, 1885-), who married Jenie Burke, December 24, 1901; (c) Helen Epes Bland (June 16, 1886 -), who married Richard Orme of Macon Georgia; (d) Virginia Bland, never married; (e) Mary Estelle Bland, who married Thomas Edmund Gossum; (f) William Richard Bland, who married Ruth Cole of Kentucky about 1919. (2) William Richard Bland Jr. (May 11, 1854 - August 23, 1854); (3) Martha Oliver Bland, (June 30, 1855 - September 20, 1925), buried at Blackstone Virginia. Martha married William McLean Paisley, November 15, 1888 and lived with him in Gordon Arkansas; (4) Judith Maria Bland (June 18, 1858 - March 18, 1938). Judith is buried in Blackstone Virginia by her sister Martha; (5) Peter Epes Bland (October 13, 1860 - January 22, 1863); (6) William Harris Bland (September 5, 1865 - May 23, 1891); This gap between Peter Epes and William Harris suggests that William Richard Bland (1818-1873), did military service during the Civil War. (7) Emma Branch Bland (November 14, 1867 - November 18, 1947). Emma died at Wyandotte Pennsylvania and was buried by her sisters Martha and Judith at Blackstone Virginia.

G. Rebecca Bland (December 4, 1820 -) married Thomas Robert Cocke January 12, 1839 and they moved to Victoria Texas. They had five children, Dora, Venable, Hamett, Zulika and Guelee.

H. Sarah Frances Bland (June 26, 1823 -) married the Reverend Clack Robinson June 5, 1844. They had six children: Henry Burrell; Edward Bland; Rebecca Clack; Nonnie M; Martha Virginia and William Clack.

I. Eliza Virginia Bland, (July 21, 1825-October 20, 1825).

J. Virginia Bland, (February 20, 1827 -) Married T. Roper Williams, November 11, 1845.

²⁵ Martha Oliver Bland Paisley was the mother of Edward Bland Paisley, (1890-1974), who compiled the Genealogy, note 4.

2. **John Bland (1739-1777)**. Previously, (AC 5-1, pp. 18-20, 21) I asserted that John Bland married Clara Yates [♁] and had by her two sons, John Bolling Bland (C1765 -) and Richard Yates Bland, (C1771-1852). A new correspondent, Jessie Richmond Harper of Estero Florida, agrees with me. "Clary Bland" appears as executrix of John's estate inventory of May 15, 1777. The inventory lists furniture and the following slaves: America, Ned, Robin, Bob, Guy, Davy, Moses, Afryca, Peter, Billy, Tom, Venus, Hanner and child Ned, Cecilia and her child Harry, Annaky and her child Nanny, Betty, Letty, Phyllis, Peg, Hanner, Dolly, Beck, Patience, Murreer, Rachel, Milly and Betty.

Mrs. Harper believes that Clara Yates was the daughter of Elizabeth Randolph Yates, who died December 17, 1783, widow of William Yates (1720-1764) and second wife of Theodorick Bland (1719-1784), uncle of Clara's husband John (1739-1777). William Yates, Clara's brother and Elizabeth's son, was called son-in-law in Theodorick's will of July 16, 1783 and is called son in Elizabeth's will. In her will of December 16, 1783, Elizabeth names her grand daughter Ann Bland (1747-), who married Thomas Eaton, VU, pp. 168B-169. This may also be Anne Bland Eaton Dudley, Ann Bland Eaton's daughter, mentioned elsewhere in the will as Ann Bland Dudley). Very little is known of Ann, but in her will Elizabeth Randolph Yates Bland names her son William Yates to hold several slaves until Ann is married. In 1783, Ann would be 36! Elizabeth also names three daughters Susannah Murray, Clara (Yates Bland) Bolling and Lucy Lundie. Elizabeth's will names her sons in law Robert Bolling and Thomas Lundie as executors and witnesses include Peter and Edward Bland. The correlation seems inescapable.

L.P. Bland of Wakefield Virginia has thrown an interesting wrinkle into this, by recurring to a LDS record that shows John Bland (1739-1777) marrying a woman named Rachel Reed (further compounded by another John Bland-Rachel Reed marriage, VU, p. 162). L.P., whose research has always been challenging and insightful, writes that he obtained a genealogical chart of the Bland family from the Virginia Historical Society, which shows that John Bland married Clara Yates in 1773, and by her had a son Theodorick, who died early in life and a Richard Yates Bland (1773-1852), whose birth date would have been possible in the framework of the proposed date of marriage to Clara Yates of 1773. L.P.: "I raise the question, why did John Bland-1739, wait until he was 34 years old before he married? Is it possible that

[♁] After John Bland died, Clara Yates Bland married Robert Bolling (1751-1791), December 10, 1779. Cf, Virginia Genealogist, (January-March 1968), p. 34. Clara's husbands died young. She must have been something. Clara had by Robert Bolling a daughter Elizabeth Yates Bolling. Robert's will in Dinwiddie County 1791, names his wife Clara and two children, Robert, and "our" Susannah.

he married previously and his first wife died before 1773? Another question I have is why is it that John Bland did not name a son after himself, which all his other brother's did?" The inference is that John married Rachel Reed before Clara Yates and had a son John, born about 1765. John is assumed to have been born no later than 1765/1767 because of his purchase of land from his step-father, June 3, 1788 and other transactions manumitting slaves in 1787 and 1789, (AC 3-1, p. 8). This framework may work. It suggests only that John Bland's two sons who lived to adulthood were children of two different wives, Rachel Reed and Clara Yates. Of course, John Bland (C1765/1767-) may not be the son of John, and it may be that Clara Yates made short work of John before he could name a son John.

The obituary of Richard Yates Bland ⁷ indicates that he died February 12, 1852, "in the 81st year of his age" and the 1850 Census showed the old boy, aged 80, living with his son in Dinwiddie County. Thus, two separate sources show that Richard Yates Bland was in fact born in 1770. Thus, if the genealogical chart relied upon by L.P. Bland, showing John's marriage to Clara Yates as 1773, is accurate, neither could Clara have been the mother of Richard Yates Bland. On the other hand, Richard's name gives rise to a shrewd suspicion that in fact she was Richard Yates Bland's mother. I think she was and the genealogical chart used by L.P. Bland didn't get it right. My source in AC 5-1, was a chart made in 1897 by William Miles Corey, (AC 5-1, p. 9). After all is said and done I find I must stand by it. Richard Yates Bland married Anna Booth, (1772-after 1850).

3. William Bland, (1742-1803). A genealogical chart supplied by, I believe, Margaret Joyal of Virginia Beach, Virginia, provides further detail about William's third marriage to Ann Harwood (C1750-1818). Their first son was Edward Bland, (C1786 - September 17, 1822). Edward married Delilah Walker (April 30, 1791 - November 4, 1855) on December 26, 1808. I erred previously in reporting their first child as Ann Harwood Bland, (AC 5-1, p. 21). In fact their first child was a son, William Harwood Bland, (September 26, 1809 -). A child named Ira Bland, (1811-) was acknowledged by neither Corey or the new information and I assume does not belong in the line of Edward Bland and Delilah Walker. ⁸ Other children were Sarah Ann Bland Appleby (1813-1888), and John Davis Bland (1815-).

The second son of William Bland and Ann Harwood was Theodorick Bland, (1790-1818) whose two sons William Henry Bland and Theodorick James Boyd Bland, have been accurately noted.

⁷ The Richmond Enquirer, April 27, 1852.

⁸ This Ira Bland is probably the son of William Bland and Mary Ann Corr of King and Queen County Virginia, (AC 3-2, p. 18 and 4-1, p. 19).

VIRGINIA: THE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY FAMILY

The Family of Isaac Bland (C1798-1868):

Isaac was born in King and Queen County, the eldest son of William Bland (C1765-1838) and Mary Ann Corr (1774-1813), (AC 3-2, pp 15-22 and 4-1, pp. 17-20). Just as William and Mary Ann's son Elliot found a historian in the most recent issue of "Among Cousins", (AC 6-2, pp. 3-5) so Isaac has found an active descendant. She is Ruth Bland White of Nashville Tennessee, who descends through Isaac's son, Thomas Jefferson Bland, (1850-1940).

Isaac married Lucy Wright in Davidson County Tennessee July 20, 1827, ⁹ and had by her a single child, Silas. Lucy died in 1834 and Isaac remarried, February 16, 1837 to Paralee Sanders in Sumner County. While his brother Elliot, (1813-1896), who idolized Isaac, moved on to Missouri, Isaac stayed behind in Sumner County. His family was as follows:

By Lucy Wright:

1. Silas Bland (C1830-), married Emily Hall, September 23, 1856.

By Paralee Sanders:

2. Elizabeth Bland (C1837-).

3. Martha A. Bland (C1838-), married Jefferson T. Hanner of Heavner, June 22, 1857.

4. Alexander Bland (C1842-) married Leticia Wallace, May 30, 1865.

5. Sophronia Bland (C1843-).

6. Thomas Jefferson Bland (December 12, 1854 - February 7, 1940). Thomas married about 1875, Sallie Ann Dennis, (January 15, 1849 - March 21, 1913). Thomas and Sally had a single son, A. Joseph Lee Bland (January 4, 1877 - October 13, 1955).¹⁰ Joseph Lee Bland married Carrie Merrill Allen (August 31, 1875 - January 4, 1964), on May 12, 1897. Carrie was born and died in Nashville. Joseph was born in Auburntown, Cannon County Tennessee. He worked as a Real Estates broker in Nashville. After Carrie's death, Joseph moved to St. Petersburg Florida, where he died. Joseph and Carrie had two children: (1) Thomas Allen Bland, (July 15, 1898 - January 2, 1988). Thomas married Mary Ruth Jackson (April 23, 1904 -) on August 15, 1924, at Los Angeles California.; (2) Elizabeth Rachel Bland (May 7, 1909 - November 12, 1952).

⁹ Davidson County Tennessee Marriage Book I

¹⁰ The birth dates for Thomas Jefferson and Joseph Lee Bland are as shown on Death Certificates. A Family Bible record shows Thomas Jefferson born December 15, 1850, and Joseph Lee Bland born January 10, 1876.

Elizabeth married Wayland G. Jones, June 22, 1930. ¹¹ Photographs of Thomas Jefferson Bland and his wife Sallie A. Dennis, as well as his son Joseph Lee and Carrie M. Allen with their son Thomas Allen Bland, appear on the picture pages.

7. Gertrude Bland (C1854-), married Willis Bagwell, January 22, 1874.

Tombstone Markings, Shackelford Cemetery, King and Queen County:

Following are names found at the Shackelford Cemetery in King and Queen County in August 1986, while I was enroute to the Second Bland Family Reunion.

Ann Bland Corr, September 13, 1832 - March 24, 1917, wife of Roderick Bland Jr. (AC 3-2, p. 22)

Anna Winn Irby Bland January 12, 1847 - May 31, 1884 (AC 3-2, p. 22)

Eunice Major Bland 1904-1979 (AC 3-2, p. 18)

Floye Bland O'Dell 1861-1941

Forest Bland Leigh, 1900-1940

Harvey S. Bland 1872-1949 (AC 3-2, p. 19; 4-1, p. 19)

J.T. Bland December 15, 1844 - September 21, 1915

Joel Bland February 15, 1844 - October 25, 1916, (AC 4-1, P. 19).

Louisa Gayle Bland 1873-1965 (AC 3-2, P. 19)

Maria F. Bland, December 26, 1841 - December 29, 1883 (or 1888) (AC 4-1, p. 19)

Mary Alma Bland July 27, 1874 - May 5, 1855

Nannie F. Leigh November 17, 1851 - March 28, 1938 (AC 3-2, p. 22).

Roderick Bland Jr., October 10, 1833 - October 2, 1892, (AC 3-2, P. 22)

Rosalie Stewart Bland, November 18, 1876 - September 30, 1969.

Victoria Bland Leigh, 1868-1925, married Forest Jackson, 1871-1936.

W. Russell Bland 1865-1929, (AC 3-2, P. 19)

¹¹ The single child of Thomas Allen Bland and Mary Ruth Jackson was Ruth Carolyn Bland, my correspondent.

These names were found in the Anderson lot, Shackelford Cemetery:

Chrystal Lee Bland, April 4, 1881 - October 17, 1933, wife of D.H. Bland

Cora Lee Bland, February 17, 1862 - August 14, 1941, (AC 3-2, p. 20)

Etta Bland Anderson, 1859-1947, wife of Dr. Garrett Anderson, (AC 3-2, p. 22).

George Carter Bland December 13, 1848 - September 3, 1938, (AC 3-2, p. 22).

Mary C. Bland, May 17, 1893 - October 21, 1918

And of course no trip to the Shackelford Cemetery would be complete if one didn't kneel before the great edifice of Roderick Bland, who lies betwixt his two wives and had mounted an obelisk that commemorated all his sixteen children.

Major Roderick Bland January 13, 1805 - May 13, 1879, (AC 3-2, pp. 21-22 and 4-2, p. 5. All children noted AC 3-2, p. 22).

Juliza A. Bland 1809-1940.

Robert W. Bland 1827-1833

W.A. Bland 1829-1832

Frances A. Roane 1831-1913

Roderick Bland Jr. 1833-1893 (see above)

Emeline Sears 1835-1926

Washington Bland 1837-1840

J.W. Bland, 1839-1915

Frances G. Bland 1820-1872, (AC 3-2, p. 22)

Ellen J. Roane 1842-1872

J.T. Bland 1844-1915

George C. Bland 1849-1938 Co. C, 24th Va. Cavalry, CSA

Nannie F. Leigh 1851-1938

Ada B. Marston 1855-1939

Richmond Bland 1859-1949

Etta B. Anderson 1859-1947

Jefferson D. Bland 1861-1884

J.L. Bland 1866-1966

VIRGINIA: THE FREDERICK COUNTY FAMILY

The Family of Joseph Bland (C1763-1812):

I have previously posited my own analysis of this man, who I believe is a son of Thomas Bland (1719-1788) of Fauquier County Virginia, (AC 4-2, pp. 8-9). There is an older tradition that Joseph was the son of a man named Richard and that he was a Tory, (VU, pp. 396-397). Since this line has a large number of active researchers, all would no doubt welcome news that would shed light on the subject. Thus, on October 26, 1927, Blanchie Bland, Joseph Bland's great granddaughter, wrote the following to a cousin Webster Glenn Bland:

We are direct descendants of a Lt. Col. who served in George Washington's Army. There is a bit of romance connected with our families first entrance into the USA. . . This man who served under General Washington was what was called at that time in England, one of the King's Nobleman (sic). A position very similar to a US Senator. His sympathies were with the colonies, but he was drafted into the King's army and since conscientious objectors were not exempted, he was compelled to come to the colonies. At the first opportunity, he deserted and joined the forces under General Washington, as a private. He was a trained man and promoted. As he had deserted, he could not go back to England and his property which was considered very valuable at that time was seized by the King. His sweetheart was in England and the question was how to pay the expenses over here. So he sold furs to the French traders and got money to pay her way across. They were married and started our family. ¹²

On October 18, 1936, George W. Bland of Clarksburg West Virginia, Joseph's great grandson, wrote to a young lady named Ernestine Lewis (now a subscriber, Ernestine Lewis Schwing, with her daughter Sandra Schwing Kirk):

Joseph was born to one Richard Bland about 1752 in Prince William County Va. This Richard has not been identified. Son Joseph was a soldier in the Revolutionary War on the wrong side. That is to say, he enlisted in the British Army and fought under Cornwallis, at the battle of Yorktown. He was wounded in the knee which rendered him unable to sail with the defeated army on its return to England as he very much desired to do.

He, in the late 1780's went to Frederick County, Va., where he married a widow, Susan Johnson (nee Bailey). There at or near Winchester was born unto him a son Richard, in 1789. After this son was born, the family came to what is now Monongalia County. WV, settling at or near Blacksville. There, other sons of Joseph were born. ¹³

¹² This letter was supplied by Evelyn Porter now of Redding California.

¹³ VU. p. 396. The children of Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson were identified previously, (AC 4-2, p. 9): 1. Mary 1783-1856; 2. Catherine, (1786-1874); 3. Richard (1787-1876); 4. Thomas, (1789-1874); 5. David, (1792-1874) and 6. Elizabeth.

There are some elements in Bland history that might have contributed to these stories, e.g., Colonel Theodorick Bland (1740-1790), more or less a contemporary of Joseph's (VU. pp 170-180), did serve under Washington, and his uncle was Richard Bland, (1710-1776), who was well known and was generationally positioned to be Joseph's hypothetical family. I believe the key to Joseph's ancestry lies in his choice to move out to Winchester Virginia by 1787, when he appears on a tax record, (Joseph appears in the Winchester records through 1798), and in the names he gave his children, (VU, pp. 367-375).

Mrs. Porter, in her correspondence to me, has been primarily interested in the family of William Jobes Bland, (1813-1881), Joseph's grandson through Richard Bland (1787-1876), (AC 5-2, pp. 11-13). William and his first wife Sarah Jane Stiles (1812-1850), moved from Monongalia County to Doddridge County Virginia/West Virginia, about 1836, settling on the waters of "Meathouse Fork" near what is present day Blandville. Sarah had eight children before William ground her down. On March 3, 1852, William married Druscilla Lowther (C1828-), who bore him six more sons, enough to make sure there were Blands everywhere within a generation. The children of William Jobes Bland and his wives were detailed previously, (AC 5-2, pp. 11-13). Mrs. Porter supplies the following information which places a sharper focus on dates for William's children previously supplied by Neil Bland of Lumberton West Virginia. By Sarah Jane Stiles:

1. Druscilla Bland (1834-1913). Per Neil Bland.
2. John G. Bland, (1836-1910), Per Neil Bland.
3. Priscilla Bland (C1838 -) Neil Bland shows a daughter Ann but does not show Priscilla.
4. Reuhama Bland (Or Ruhama), (1840-1910).
5. Mary Bland (1842-1931), per Neil Bland.
6. Simon Bland (1845-1913) per Neil Bland.
7. Sarah Jane Bland (December 11, 1847 - January 14, 1902), per a tombstone reading.

8. Richard C. Bland (1848-1926), per Neil Bland. Richard married Perdilla Lowther (1846-1917) on January 28, 1867.

By Druscilla Lowther:

1. Silas Wesley Bland (1852-). Per Neil Bland.
2. William Thompson Bland (1855-) Per Neil Bland.
3. Charles Bland, (1857-1932) per Neil Bland. Called Charles L.B. by Mrs. Porter.
4. Floyd Bland (May 18, 1859 - February 21, 1911), per Mrs. Porter. Following the death of his father in 1881, Floyd moved to McDonough County Illinois, where he met Malinda Belle Rorer, (-1912), his future wife. Floyd followed Malinda to Norton Kansas in 1885, where they were married. Floyd and Malinda worked as farmers and laborers, and Floyd preached the gospel "for the love of it". Their three children were: A. Harry Grady Bland, (1887-1963), who died in Santa Ana California and was the father of Evelyn Porter. Harry married Clara May White (1890-1972).

B. Helen Ruth Bland and C. Webster Glenn Bland. Blanchie Bland, noted above, was Webster Glenn Bland's cousin.

5. Lloyd Bland (1861-1896) per Neil Bland.

6. Lot Bland (1864-1932), per Neil Bland.

Mrs. Porter adds detail to a brother of William Jobes Bland, Richard J. Bland (1824-1896), whose wife Mary Jane Starkey was born October 6, 1828 and died December 26, 1891. Mrs. Porter shows that this couple had a daughter Lizia, not previously noted.

VIRGINIA:AMHERST COUNTY

Herbert Francis Bland: A Search for Identity:

Consider our cousin Herbert Francis Bland Jr., who has come to be known as "Dr. Pepper" (after his professional life in the Dr. Pepper bottling company). Poor old Fran, treks to every reunion, loved by everyone and helped by none. His has been a frustrating task, to find his roots. At Indiana in 1987, following a rather long winded speech by myself in the heat of the day, Fran attempted to describe his plight, but nobody wanted to listen to another speech. "Help me find out who I am," he sez, and everyone else sez, "you Dr. Pepper. Get on now."

When I first met Dr. Pepper in 1985, at Elizabethtown Kentucky, he presented me with a family group in Haywood County Tennessee, that included John Bland, (1803-1856), and a brother Charles Bland (1804-). There was also in Haywood County census records for 1850 a Solomon Bland, (1818-) probably a brother. Fran is descended from John's son Charles N. Bland (1835-) and his wife Elizabeth Beard, (C1836-). (AC 4-1, pp. 26-27). (Francis himself is the youngest son of Charles and Elizabeth, born in 1880 and now entering his 110th year. He preserves his good looks by drinking Dr. Pepper).

By now, Fran appears to have pushed his line one generation further back, ¹⁴ claiming this linkage through a marriage record for Jesse Bland and Sally Newman on May 11, 1801, in Amherst

¹⁴ Fran appears to have followed one blind path, (AC 5-2, pp. 20-21). That's pretty good for a genealogist.

County Virginia. The genealogy of Amherst County traces back to this ceremony included one John Newman ¹⁵, who was Sallie's father. Jesse and Sally sold 202 acres in Amherst County on June 1, 1808. Thereafter, Jesse vanished until he reappears in Gibson County Tennessee in June 1833, selling 200 acres to Daniel Cherry, witnessed by Calvin W. Cherry. (This in fact may not be the elder Jesse, but his son). ¹⁶ Sarah Bland appears in a law suit in Rutherford County Tennessee, May 16, 1842, in which Jesse, William and Eleanor Bland grant power of attorney to Cornelius Bland "our brother" to dispose of whatever might have been left by John Newman in his will to "our mother Sarah Bland". John Newman, who had moved to Rutherford County between 1810-1820, like John Bland, (1803-1856), did not mention Sarah Newman Bland in his will of 1842, but did mention sons Lorenzo D. Newman, John Newman and Allen Newman as well as a daughter Elizabeth Pinkard. On August 30, 1842, John Bland, (Dr. Pepper's ancestor, 1803-1856), sold to Lorenzo Newman and Cornelius Bland a slave named Caroline. Cornelius in turn, bought Caroline outright for \$150. On September 6, 1842, in Rutherford County, Cornelius Bland sold Caroline to Joseph Newman for \$5. Joseph Newman was a security for a debt of \$115. from Cornelius Bland to Lorenzo Newman, payable by August 13, 1843. Cornelius retained title to Caroline by meeting his obligation to Lorenzo Newman. ¹⁷

Thus, there appears to be a family from Amherst County Virginia, headed by Jesse Bland and his wife Sallie Newman, who migrated to Rutherford County Tennessee, probably between 1810-1820 and in close proximity to John and Mary Newman, Sallie's parents, and their children. Proved children of Jesse and Sallie Newman Bland were John, Charles, Solomon, Cornelius, Jesse and William and a daughter Eleanor. Fran is primarily concerned with

¹⁵ John Newman apparently was close to one William Elzey, born in Virginia about 1758, and living in Rutherford County Tennessee, C1820. The Blands are connected to the Elza family through the marriage of Sarah Turner, (C1773-1848) daughter of William Turner and Sarah Elzey, to Wormeley Bland, who was born in northern Virginia and died in Edgefield County South Carolina in 1800. (VU. p. 520 and AC 6-1, pp. 18-21. cf. discussion below, page 28.

¹⁶ The Bland-Cherry Connection appears again in Gibson County Deed Book, pp. 226-229, in 1844, when John Bland, with Norman and Calvin W. Cherry bought a piece of property, jointly, from the estate of Calvin Jones. John Bland sold his share of the property to Norman and Calvin Cherry.

¹⁷ Cornelius must have met his obligation for on October 9, 1845, Lorenzo Newman sold a slave Henry for \$500. and used the proceeds to purchase poor old Caroline from Cornelius.

John, whom he has traced through Davidson, Gibson and Crockett Counties. He has woven a thick circumstantial web that places his proven ancestor John in close proximity with Charles and the other brothers in these counties. He is persuaded of the correctness of his analysis by the appearance in the 1900 Census of Gibson County of Lorenzo D. Bland, third son of Charles N. Bland and Nancy Cates. (It would stand to reason that Charles N. Bland's middle initial represents Newman). (AC 4-1, p. 26). Fran is persuaded this man was named for Lorenzo D. Newman. Charles Bland and John Newman lived very close together in Rutherford County in 1830.

Hopefully, by the time we convene in Mississippi, Fran will have moved his line one generation further back. Meanwhile, wouldn't you like to be a Pepper too.

VIRGINIA: THE PENDLETON COUNTY FAMILY

The Family of Henry Bland, (1770-1853):

Like an indefatigable sleuth, Cousin Edith Lanning has picked out from the 1850 Census the family of William Bland of Wyandot County Ohio, and concludes that he is the eldest son of Henry Bland and his first wife, Margaret Weirich. Previously, Edith reported a hunch that William was Henry's eldest son, but couldn't prove it, (AC 4-1, pp. 9-20, esp. p.13). William's family appears in Gymochtee Township, Wyandot County. Edith says it's the only way to make sense of him, since he was fairly close to others of Henry's sons, John (1791-1864), Thomas (1794-1865), and Harvey (1827-1900), who were in Bellevernon township. William's family was as follows:

William (1790-) a Farmer, born in Virginia, worth \$4000.

Margaret (1801-), from Maryland. Edith speculates that she "must be Margaret Lane as Lanes come from Maryland. If so, one would have to ask whether she was "a half-blood Cherokee" and give some latitude to census taker error, because previous information suggests that Margaret Lane had a son John Bland in 1812 (AC 3-2, pp. 5-6). Inasmuch it has previously been uncertain who John Bland's father was, it is plausible that William was the one.

1. Joel Bland (1826-) born in Ohio.
2. Francis Bland (1830-) born in Ohio.
3. Nancy A. Bland (1833-) born in Ohio.
4. Margaret A. Bland (1833-) born in Ohio. (were Nancy and Margaret twins?)
5. Martha E. Bland (1840-) born in Ohio.
6. Silas Bland (1844-) born in Ohio.

Edith reports that William was shown as age 70 in the 1860 Census, which would seem to validate his birth year as 1790. This in turn suggests to Edith a naming pattern: perhaps William

Bland (C1682-1744), of Prince William County Virginia was Henry's grandfather, and Henry's first son was named in William's Honor. It is a long standing hunch of Cousin Edith that previous accounts of William's son Thomas (1719-1788) have been transposed or confused with her Thomas Bland (C1740-1826), the founder of her Pendleton County line. With all due respect to Edith, I do not agree with Edith. I must, however, point out the inevitable frustration Edith faces when posing her own ideas against those which might be considered the older, more conservative views, advanced by researchers like Urilla Bland, (now deceased), which, for example, deeply influenced my own work. Like all good disciples, while I cherish the early insights Urilla gave me, experience and further learning has led me to believe in a very different interpretation of Bland Family history than the lessons I learned from Urilla, (For comparisons see VU, Chapter VI, pp. 191-154, and AC 6-1, pp. 5-8. More germane to the question at hand is VU, 419-425 contrasted to AC4-2, pp. 13-15, and 6-2, pp. 24-25). This latter contrast, however, leads me to reject Edith's probe into whether her Thomas Bland, (1740-1826) was transposed or confused with Thomas Bland (C1719-1788), son of William Bland (C1682-1744). A very thick and contiguous geographic and interpersonal relationship in Nelson and Hardin Counties, Kentucky, between the children of Thomas Bland (1719-1788) and John Bland, (C1725-1795) suggesting a close kin relationship between the two older men, who were in fact brothers. One simply does not find these relationships between the descendants of Thomas Bland (C1740-1826) and proven descendants of the Prince William County Virginia family. For your own information (VU, pp. 367-390, 398-399 and AC, 2-2, pp. 14-23; 3-2, pp. 23-27; 4-2, pp. 9-20 and 5-2, pp. 15-18). Obviously, this is a line with active researchers, the principal one being Edith Lanning.

NORTH CAROLINA: THE CHATHAM COUNTY FAMILY

During the Fourth National Reunion, I was impressed by the collection of old photographs held by residents of Chatham County, of ancestors who descended through the line of John Bland (C1754-1827), whose descendants seem to have remained fairly close to Chatham County. I hope to contact key persons in that family and assemble copies of the photo for a display in the next issue.

John's is one of two lines that originated in Chatham County. The other descends from James Bland (C1749-1799), whose children seem to have migrated as a group to Indiana between 1820-1830. One of James' children was William Bland, (C1787-), who married Elizabeth McBain (1789-) in North Carolina. William and Elizabeth had a son Joseph Bland, (1819-) who died in the Civil War, and married a woman named Sarah Milam (1823-1899) on December 12, 1839, in Green County Indiana.

New correspondents, Thomas Carl Hulsey and his wife Donita Jo Barber descend from this line, through William T. Bland (1848-1924) a son of Joseph, and his wife Amelia (1854-) born in Iowa. In 1880, William and Amelia were living in Walton Township, Rooks County Kansas and had two children, Otto Bland (1876-) and Orin Bland, whom the Hulsey's say was actually Pearl Orin Bland, (May 20, 1873-C1920). Pearl Orin Bland married Nettie Jane Trumble (July 13, 1875-) in Beloit Kansas on November 16, 1904. Their children, born in Beloit, were (1) Carl Bland (1905-1982), who married Clara _____, and (2) Delila Bland (1907-1985). Delila married (A) Frank Brewster and (B) Domenico Vincenzo Bailo, of Turin Italy, in 1942. Their child was Donita Jo, who married Tom Hulsey. Pearl Orin and Nettie died in Seattle Washington, where they moved between 1910-1920.

NORTH CAROLINA: THE RANDOLPH COUNTY FAMILY

Abel Bland, (1788-1865)

For previous information about Abel Bland, a son of William Bland (C1751-1801) and Julia Ward, and a grandson of Moses Bland (C1718-1800) and Jane Wiggonton, see (VU, p. 347, AC 2-2, pp. 35-36 and 3-1, p. 25). Abel married his first wife, a woman named Ann James (1791- 1850) of Henry County Kentucky October 27, 1808. Subsequently, Abel and Ann moved to Jackson County, Indiana, Red River County Texas in 1834 (supposedly they thought they were in Arkansas) and by 1850 to Ouachita County Arkansas, near the Texas Border. On September 23, 1860, Abel married a woman named Eliza Ann Glover, (1819-). Abel made his will January 29, 1863 and it was filed January 17, 1865. Abel Bland and Ann James were parents of five known sons and a possible daughter:

1. Preston Bland, married to Eliza Grounds.
2. Elizabeth Bland, who married _____ Talkington.
3. Benjamin Bland (1815-1859), whose family was previously delineated (AC 2-2, pp. 35-36). Benjamin married Martha Reid (1818-1883) in Hubbard Texas about 1838. He was reported to have been murdered by bushwhackers who took his horse and left his corpse to be found by his relations. Benjamin and Martha had a family of seven children including a son George James, (1841-1905), who married Mary Catherine Norwood, (1851-1916) at Lafayette County Arkansas November 29, 1871. George died at Jonesboro, Coryell County Texas. Their children were :
 - A. Sarah Elizabeth Bland, (December 5, 1872 - September 1, 1953), who married George Hannon.
 - B. Joseph Lorenzo Bland (May 20, 1874 - May 26, 1955), who married Harriet Beveridge, February 9, 1908.
 - C. Robert Newton Bland (March 10, 1876 - December 4, 1954), married Minnie Barton, December 24, 1902.

These first three children were born in Seiver County Arkansas. The remaining children were born in Salado, Bell County Texas.

D. Ora Mae Bland, (June 9, 1878 - June 1, 1954), married Thomas Joel Carroll, November 22, 1903.

E. Thomas Claude Bland, (March 21, 1880 - April 22, 1967), married Ollie Walker, July 1, 1911.

F. Earnest Lee Bland, (July 22, 1882 - December 6, 1966), married Alberta Goff, June 1914.

G. Zelma Aletha Bland, (November 19, 1884 -) married Frank Beverly July 4, 1908.

H. Henry Grady Bland, April 6, 1892 - July 16, 1963) never married.

4. Sarah Bland (1818-), born in Indiana, in 1860, Abel Bland, then 72, was living in the household of Sarah Bland Reid in Lafayette County Arkansas. This would imply Sarah was a daughter of Abel who married to a John Samuel Reid. ¹⁰

5. John W. Bland (1821-), whose family was previously delineated (AC 2-2, p. 35). Between 1850-1860, John and his wife Sarah had two additional sons, Francis M. Bland (1853-) and Monroe Bland (1855-). The son John W. Bland, (1847-) previously noted in the 1850 Census, was no longer listed, suggesting he died in the 1850s.

6. James Bland (1822-)

7. George Bland, (1832-). married _____ Glover, (1832) daughter of his step-mother Elizabeth Glover.

8. Margaret Bland, who married Mr. _____ Right (no pun intended).

9. Mary Bland, who was not married at the time of her father's will. She later married a man named McCown. Preston, John and James Bland served in the Mexican War. Preston and James survived and were given bounty grants in Orange and Greer Counties Oklahoma, while James was killed at Sattillo Mexico.

Anson County North Carolina: The Boaz/Ward Connection:

Previously, (AC 3-1, pp. 22-23) I showed that William Bland (C1751-1801) eldest son of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton, had a Ward connection in Anson County North Carolina, and probably was married to Julia Ward. William Bland's son Moses Bland (C1772-1850), married Nancy Boaz. At the State Archives, Raleigh North Carolina, I discovered listed among the taxables in Anson County, 1763, John Boaz and Thomas Ward.

¹⁰ Vera Bland of Pasadena Texas claims that this Sarah Bland Reid was a niece of Abel, daughter of his brother Moses. If that is the case, one would have to suggest that Sarah was in the line of Osborne and Lettice Bland of Nelson County Kentucky, (AC 6-2, p. 20). Sarah is listed among Abel's children in his will.

Children of James Bland and Jane Johnston:

Cousin Elva Reitz of Sun City Arizona asked me to display the following correction to information previously published (VU, pp. 359-360), showing that James Bland, (1808-December 17, 1872),¹⁷ son of James Bland and Jane Johnston, died in Keokuk County, rather than Keokuk, Lee County Iowa. Last August, Elva wrote to me saying that she had located James and Sarah, and that Sarah had filed a pension claimed, based on Civil War service of her son Calvin. In this claim, Sarah Nichols identified a seventh child, Francis M. Bland (1860-1873). The pension claim also provided further information about the six children already identified:

1. Nancy Bland (1833-1876) married in 1857.
2. Mary Jane Bland (1835-1910) married Thomas L. McCammon (1829-1907) September 25, 1853. Died in Logan County Oklahoma. Mary Jane was Elva's grandmother.
3. Calvin Bland, (June 14, 1840 - April 7, 1862), killed at the battle of Shiloh.
4. John S. Bland (1842 - Living in 1885, in Nebraska).
5. Sarah E. Bland (1844-1871), married in 1870.
6. Theresa E. Bland (1846-1874), married in 1870.

NORTH CAROLINA: THE PITT COUNTY FAMILYThe family of John Cannon Bland:

A bible record, discovered at the State Archives in Raleigh North Carolina last August revealed a fully detailed family structure for John Cannon Bland (April 19, 1848 - July 24, 1926), the son of Theophilus Bland (1821-1902) and Mary Smith (1830-1903) of Craven County North Carolina. John Cannon Bland was mentioned before only briefly, (AC 2-2, p. 39). He married Elizabeth Jane Cannon (January 9, 1851 - November 18, 1907) on March 10, 1870. Their children were:

1. Samuel Bland (January 15, 1871 - November 3, 1894).
2. Mary Elizabeth Bland (October 29, 1872 - January 14, 1953).
3. Theophilus Bland (October 17, 1874 - January 16, 1895).
4. Harriet Ann Bland (April 4, 1876 - December 4, 1954).
Harriet married _____ Peterson.
5. Maggie Bland (February 18, 1878 - September 29, 1883).
6. John Bland (November 13, 1880 - August 1958).
7. Laura Bland (February 10, 1883 - May 30, 1902).
8. Matt R. Bland, (April 22, 1885 - November 22, 1956).
9. Eddie Bland (May 22, 1887 - March 27, 1894).
10. Slade Bland (May 22, 1887 - September 6, 1942.) probably a twin of Eddie.

¹⁷ In VU, p. 359, relying upon information from Elva Reitz, I listed James dates as (September 28, 1806 June 1, 1869).

11. Myrtle Bland (December 29, 1872 - September 27, 1894).
12. Ruth Bland (February 28, 1896 - June 2, 1914).
After the death of Elizabeth Jane Cannon, John married Jennie Atkinson (- November 11, 1954) November 8, 1908.
13. Jodie Bland, (September 4, 1909 -).
14. Woodrow Lee Bland (August 27, 1910 - December 15, 1960).
15. Infant daughter, born and died unknown on June 23, 1914.

KENTUCKY: THE NELSON COUNTY FAMILY

Interpersonal Conflicts on the Frontier:

In a previous number, (AC 4-2, p. 28, cf updated data on the Osborne Bland/Patsy Donahoo Family in AC 6-2, pp.14-16, also cf VU., pp. 445-449 for identity of the principles), I alluded to a divorce petition, May 1866, in Greene County Indiana by Jesse Bland against his wife Jane Sleeth on charges that Jane committed adultery with Eli and Hiram Bland, the latter probably the same man born in 1843, the son of Jesse Bland (1821-1881), son of Osborne Bland and Patsy Donahoo. Jesse married Jane Sleeth, October 30, 1860, in Greene County. The only known Jesse Bland who could have fit into this paradigm would be Jesse P. Bland, (January 2, 1843-) son of Warren Bland (1815-1865) and Cynthia Burch. The only known Eli Bland who would fit the parameters is Eli Bland (1849-), son of William Bland, apparently the eldest son of Osborne Bland Jr. and Patsy Donahoo. Further check of the records of Greene County by Pamela Jones of Oaktown Indiana, shows that the divorce petition was filed May 6, 1866, by Jane Sleeth Bland, and challenged by Jesse Bland. The result was to grant the divorce to Jesse but to order him to pay costs. My previous coverage of this situation tended toward the sensational or voyeuristic, for which I apologize. It is entirely possible that Jane Sleeth was victimized by these charges (it is clear they were charges and not proven fact). The rapid remarriage of Jesse Bland to Sarah Jane Bays on June 16, 1866, suggests that he might have wanted to dispose of the unfortunate Jane Sleeth, and pressed these charges to accomplish the fact. Circumstances in interpersonal relationships in a small frontier town could have achieved that result for Jesse, with the law demanding only that he cover costs of court. It would be a challenge to get at the real truth in this matter.

Moses Bland, Hypothetical son of Osborne and Lettice Bland

The place to begin with this discussion is the awkwardly posed Mumford-Kessinger dilemma that appeared in VU, pp. 349-352, and was unraveled over the years, but esp. AC 6-2, p. 20. I concluded that "Mumford's" Moses Bland was the "Mos" Bland in the Kinchloe Indian raid of 1781, who was thus born at least about that time and who died in Pulaski County Arkansas around the end of 1848, Thus his dates are C1780/1781-1848/1849. Joyce McCool of Overland Park Kansas, whose ancestor Daniel Bland, (C1784-1848) was probably a brother of Moses, if my hunches are right, has pointed out that I have transposed Moses Bland's. The Moses Bland, whose obituary appeared in VU, p. 351, was actually the son of the elder Moses Bland. The obituary did not appear in 1848, but in the Arkansas Gazette, February 26, 1891. Thus the dates for the younger Moses were 1823-1891.

Joyce McCool cited some earlier letters from correspondents, one of whom stated about Daniel Bland (1784-1848), "I think our great grandfather's brother who came with him to Arkansas was named MOSES." This correspondent also indicated that "our great grandparents back in Kentucky" meaning Osborne and Letitia Bland, "had 11 boys and two of them came to Arkansas." As I understand it now, three of the boys came to Arkansas, Jesse, (1778-1843), Moses (1781-1849) and Daniel (1784-1848). Eight of the sons have been identified. The search for missing brothers goes on.

The Family of John Bland. (C1770-1842):

In another radical hypothesis, I suggested the placement of this man as a son of Osborne and Lettice Bland of Nelson and Cumberland County Kentucky, (AC 6-2, pp. 13-14). Doris Blann Bailey of Wilsonville Oregon has sent to me some detailed family lines that descend through John's oldest son Purmit Blann (1804-1861). Purmit had a son John W. Blann, (1832-1878). (AC 3-2, pp. 11-13). By his wife Mary Jane Gill, John W. Blann had a son Isaac Blann, (December 8, 1859 - April 18, 1934), who was born at Chillecothe, Livingston County Missouri, and died in Mt. Ranch, Wheeler County Oregon. Isaac married Mary Gertrude Wooten, (1865-1938), on September 6, 1883, in Mandeville Missouri. Their 15 children, whose lives bridged the 19th and 20th century, were:

1. Frederic Blann (1884-1936), Born in Missouri, who married Olga Erickson.
2. Sarah Belle Blann, (1886-1961), born in Wasco County Oregon, married Peter Richard Barnhouse (1876-1948).
3. An Unnamed infant boy, was born February 27, 1888 and died quickly.
4. Alta Jane Blann (1889-1981), born in Waterman Oregon, married Stanley H Howden, July 2, 1913, at Mitchell Oregon.
5. William Lewis Blann, (1890 -) born in Waterman Oregon, married (1) Lela Campbell and (2) Maybelle Boone Marvel.
6. Mary Gertrude Blann, (1892-C1979), married (1) _____ Trent and (2) William Smith.
7. Lillie May Blann, (1894-) married Jess Maxwell.

8. Leah Elizabeth Blann, (1897-1969) never married.
9. Isaac Bland (1899-1968), served in WWI as a Stable Sergeant with the U.S. Field Artillery. He never married.
10. Robert Raymond Blann, (1901-1978) married Marble May Hall July 26, 1924. Their eldest child was Doris Louise Blann, my correspondent who married Lloyd Bailey.
11. Bessie Marguerite Blann, (1902-1967), who married Raymond Antonsen.
12. Minnie Ellen Blann, (1904-) who married Irving Jacobson.
13. Maud Blann, born February 21, 1907 and lived three days.
14. An unnamed Infant boy was born June 18, 1908 and died the same day.
15. Berniz Ann Blann, (1912-) never married.

John Bland's youngest child, a daughter Mary Lee Bland (1817-1898), has left behind a legacy in form of a diary, that has been used in part by Eddavene Zoan Houtz Beane to create Mary Lee Bland Ewell "told writer by her mother who was Mary Malinda Stewart Houtz and Diary of Mary Lee Bland Ewell." A few genealogical nuggets emerged from this work. It has already been established that Mary married William Fletcher Ewell (C1815-1848) in Carroll County Missouri, November 30, 1834. Some of Mary's tale depicting a patrician birth in Virginia to a wealthy and influential father named John Bland has been misleading. But there is value in everything, shown in the confirmation that Mary Lee Bland at least, was swept up in the ideals of Mormonism. Also, there is an entry suggesting that her brother Zachariah, who was shown in other documents married to Keziah Ogles in 1837, with children born in between 1838-1853, must have first been married to a woman named Nancy. William and Mary Lee evidently returned to Kentucky around 1839, where old John Bland, touched by the site of his grandchildren, relented his opposition to Ewell (see AC 2-2, pp. 24-26). The old man, who was supposed to have said earlier those fateful words, "I'm through, and when a Bland is through, he's through" offered William Ewell a medical practice in Cumberland County and title to some land he was holding for Mary Lee, if Ewell would just give up "that abominable church." This remains clouded in the question whether Ewell was a doctor or not and whether John Bland, probably a poor man, could have made such an offer. If Mary Lee is to be believed, Ewell refused and John, notwithstanding his love for the babies, said "Mary Lee, I disinherit you this day." That was that. On with the story of the disinherited of the earth: William Fletcher Ewell and Mary Lee Bland had the following children:

1. Francis Morrison Ewell, born evidently in 1835; 2. John Pleasant Ewell born 1836/1837; 3. Sarah Elizabeth Ewell; and 4. Barbara Ann Ewell. (AC 3-2, pp. 14-15). Mary Lee alluded to a fifth child, William, born in 1846, shortly after she was

separated from William Ewell, who went off to fight in the Mexican War. A sixth child, Mary Jane, was born in 1848, a daughter who later married William Henry Boyle. After the death of William Fletcher Ewell, Mary Lee Bland Ewell, took her children and her faithful negro woman Mammy Chloe with her to Utah. Later she remarried to a man named Peter Jones and had two children by him. She devoted much of her work to the cause of Mormonism.

The Family of Samuel Bland, 1753-1835:

Samuel Bland was the third eldest child of John Bland and Margaret Osborne, following Osborne Bland and Prudence Bland. His approximate date of birth has been fixed according to these parameters: Prudence was born in 1750, and Osborne is assumed to have been born about 1748, thus Samuel Bland would have been born about 1752/1753, according to conventional wisdom about natural birth rhythms and child spacing. He died about 1835/1836, as shown by an indenture in Nelson County, March 31, 1836, which shows Mary Ann Bland "widow and relict of Samuel Bland". Other names noted, Eleanor Bland, Fanny Bland, Ambrose Knotts and his wife "the late Elizabeth Bland", confirm that this is Samuel Bland, son of John Bland and Margaret Osborne, (VU, pp. 348, 455-456).

KENTUCKY: THE GARRARD COUNTY FAMILY

Gail Lewellen of Fort Worth Texas sent me information about Dalzell Bland (1838-), a child of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan, who married in 1819 in Garrard County and moved to Pike County Missouri. Both Thomas and Elizabeth died in 1845, (VU. pp. 409-410 and AC 4-2, p. 25). In 1855, James Moseley who had married the eldest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, took many of their children back to Kentucky. Dalzell (who was identified by one correspondent as William Leland Smithston Bland), had apparently found a home with Benjamin M. Bland, (1821-), a farmer born in Kentucky and living in Pike County Missouri when the 1850 census was taken. Benjamin's parentage is not now known, but it would seem likely that he somehow belonged to the family of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan, perhaps a son that has not been previously recorded. Benjamin was married to Sarah _____ (1823-). In addition to Dalzell, the home included George T. Bland (1843-); William H. (or M) Bland, (1846-) and Elizabeth C. Bland, (1849-). By 1870, Benjamin Bland was dead, and his widow Sarah was head of a household, which included Elizabeth; Walter M. (1851-); Stephen, (1853-); Jesse H. (1855-); James, (1857-); Mae L. (1860-); Dalzell, (a younger boy), (1861-); Sally, (1863-); and Winnie (1867-). The older Dalzell, by 1870 was married to a woman named Sallie, (1850-) and living in Vidalia Missouri. They had a single child, a daughter Elizabeth.

Will Austin and Aunt Betsy:

On January 20, 1882, Elizabeth Bland (1802-1882), the eighth child of Charles Bland and Phyllis Pope of Garrard Kentucky, while sitting by her fireplace contemplating life, was set upon by her nephew Will Austin who, in a drunken rage, split her head open with an axe. (VU, pp. 411-412). Will appeared to be totally repentant for what he had done, and on October 13, 1882, wrote a letter to his brother begging him not to drink hard liquor and to shun all bad company, "for my sake".²⁰ Will, for some reason, was confident that after all he would meet up with Aunt Betsy and later with his brother in Heaven. Others had a different opinion. Will, already sentenced to death and was hanged October 14, 1882. Poor old Will. Those who saw said his last words to the hangman were, "you are choking me." Thus, to the end, Will made eminent good sense about things. When he was sober.

SOUTH CAROLINA: EDGEFIELD COUNTYConnection with the Elzey Family

Elzey is a well established family name in Virginia (VU, p. 520). The name appears in a wide variety of Bland family lines, but most prominently in the Edgefield County South Carolina branch, which originated in Loudon County Virginia, two and possibly three sons of Robert Bland (C1708-1760), moving from Loudon to Edgefield during the 1770s. One of these, Robert Bland (C1732-1787), had a son named Wormeley Bland, (1771-1800), who married Sarah Turner, probably about 1793-1795. Sarah was the daughter of Virginians William Turner and Sarah Elzey. Wormeley and Sarah named one of their sons Elza (Elzey) Bland (1798-1878, AC 3-1, pp. 33-36 and 6-1, pp. 20-21). My own great grandfather was named Berry Elzey Bland (1856-1917).

Last may, I received a communication from Rose White of Marvell Arkansas, who supplied some information about a William Elzey (1759-) of Virginia who probably was old enough to have been the sibling of Sarah Turner's mother. On September 13, 1821, John Newman of Rutherford County, undoubtedly the father in law of Jesse Bland of Amherst County Virginia, noted above, (pp18ff), testified that he served during the revolution at the seige of Savannah, where Elzey was taken prisoner. Apparently William was still living in 1850 when he was enumerated, age 92, in the census of Marshall County Tennessee, along with his wife Sarah, age 82, who was recorded as having been born in South Carolina.

²⁰ We are free to conclude that Will's brothers never drank and associated with shady country for Will's sake, but rather for their own.

Edgefield Miscellany:

The Wild African Boy: Three letters written between March and May 1897, from Isaac Bland, a former slave of Elbert R. Bland, (1823-1863, VU. pp. 514-516, and 518), to Elbert's daughter Lela Elbert Bland Tompkins (1854-1911) and her husband James Tompkins, reveals a rare glimpse into what happened to a former slave from the old south, once he struck out on his own. Undoubtedly, Isaac, born about 1850, was the "young Isaac" deeded to George Bland in 1857, by Avory Bland (1792-1857) (VU. p. 518). Later, Isaac was deeded to Elbert Bland. Isaac came to this country aboard the ship "Wanderer" from Africa. From Isaac's letters, it appears Lela Bland Tompkins took a special interest in him, teaching him to speak English. Isaac was sold by Elbert Bland before 1863, to a man named Glover, who took him to Pine Bluff Arkansas, and there sold Isaac for \$1,250. to a Mr. Simpson, who took him to Texas. Simpson must have lost control of Isaac with emancipation, for he is quoted as saying "he ought to keep me six more years until I was twenty one, and he had paid so much for me and kept me so short a time." Isaac was living in Waco, Texas when he wrote the letters. When he wrote the letters, Isaac said he had a good home in Waco and had been married 18 years and had a boy past 18 years old, "a smart boy" and no other children. Isaac was baptized in 1876 got a license to preach in 1879 and became a fully ordained minister in 1883. He said that "when I thought of my father and mother and relatives in far off Africa. . . I still sometimes sigh," but he thought "God had me stolen from my native country that I might learn His name." At his last writing, Isaac had accomplished what must have been the dream of his life: He had recorded his memoirs in a book called "Life Sketch" which was in process of publication, and the foreign board of his church had agreed to send him to "my native Africa to carry the glad tidings of salvation to the perishing millions." ²¹

Errata:

Thomas T. Grady called my attention to two inaccuracies in my discussion of the Edgefield County South Carolina family, (AC 6-2, p. 30). First, Frank Mallette Grady Jr. was married only once and that to Elise Cooksley Hastings. I indicated he had been married twice, to a woman named Hastings and to Elise Cooksley. Second, Thomas Treutlen Grady married Jane Jordan Castell.

²¹ I am grateful to Lela Tompkins Norris of Edgefield County South Carolina for copying these letters for me. At first, I was tempted to identify Isaac as the same man deeded to Elbert Bland by Avory Bland, (VU, p. 518) in his will of 1857, but details of the story make this impossible.

The Blands of Rutherford County North Carolina:

I am happy to display on the picture pages, a photo of Jonas Osborne Bland (1885-), of Rutherford County North Carolina and his wife Lily Ervin Watson, (1890-), and their children Thomas Earl Bland and Jonas Paul Bland. This family was previously discussed, (VU, p. 532).

Previously, I have held, in keeping with the work of my uncle Berry Jewel Bland and his daughter Margaret Bland Maglioccò, that the Blands in Rutherford County North Carolina all descended from William Bland, (1792-1868), who was originally from Union County South Carolina and thought to be descended through Robert Bland (1732-1787) of Edgefield County South Carolina, or Edward Bland (C1730-1800), of York County South Carolina. An entry that I came across in Cleveland County North Carolina during August 1988, speaks of an Amelia Bland, (1793-August 28, 1850), married to Samuel Thompson. Amelia's family moved to Rutherford County North Carolina in 1819 from Lee County Virginia, on the Kentucky Border. ~~==~~ This gives rise to the possibility, since available evidence has yielded no specific link between William Bland and the Edgefield or York County families, that William Bland, founder of the Rutherford County North Carolina family, moved to Union County South Carolina some from some place else than Edgefield or York County.

MISSING LINKS**James Bland, (1797-1875)**

Gene Mattocks of Yuba City California sends the following information about his ancestor George Porter Blan (January 27, 1826 - February 27, 1877), who was born in Tennessee and died in Sebastian County Arkansas along the Oklahoma border. George married Pernita Jane Ashlock, (May 9, 1830 - August 29, 1875) on March 1, 1848, in Henry County Tennessee, where the family was enumerated in 1850, (AC 4-1, p. 25). Pernita was born in Graves County Kentucky. Both George and Pernita were buried at the Clark Chapel cemetery in Sebastian County Arkansas. George's parents were James Bland (1797-) and Kizziah _____ (1805-) who lived close to George in Henry County Tennessee.

The children of George Porter Blan and Pernita Jane Ashlock were: 1. Henry W. Blan (August 27, 1851 - October 31, 1890), who married Nancy Nixon in 1873 in Sebastian County; 2. Nancy Jane Blan (January 5, 1853 - February 23, 1881) who married Thomas A. Thurman; 3. Betty Blan (1856-); 4. Pernita Adeline Blan (1858-1897) who married Archibald W. Brewer on September 7, 1879 in Sebastian County. The first four children were born in Henry

~~==~~ James D. Marler, Coordinator, Heritage of Cleveland County North Carolina, I, (1982), #1052-1053.

County Tennessee, so George and Pernita moved from Tennessee to Arkansas between 1859-1861. The remaining children were born in Sebastian County. 5. Tennessee Arkansas Bland, (July 13, 1861 - December 23, 1933), married Thomas Clinton Ary, August 3, 1879 in Sebastian County. She died in Haskell County Oklahoma, just across the border from Sebastian County. Thomas Clinton Ary and Tennessee Arkansas Bland had five children, including Luther Quitman Ary who married Ada Belle Spears in Oklahoma in 1907, providing the direct link to Gene Mattocks; 6. James W. Bland (March 2, 1867 - March 25, 1953), who married Alice Serena Barnes, December 25, 1890; 7. Amanda Angeline Bland (February 14, 1869 - January 25, 1945), who married William Marvin Witcher on March 29, 1888. Amanda died in Haskell County Oklahoma. Help with this line would be appreciated.

John Bland of Scotland, New York and Alabama:

Gordon Owens of Newton Pennsylvania provided the following biography of John Bland, (May 2, 1834 - June 3, 1910). John was born in Berkshire, Scotland and died in Abbeville, Henry County Alabama. He was orphaned at age 12 and came to New York to live with an aunt in 1849. In New York, he lived with a Mr. McPearson, a blacksmith who taught John the trade. In 1855, young John responded to an add in ad in an Abbeville Alabama newspaper, for a blacksmith's job. John spent two years during the Civil War at a place in Florida, converting salt water into salt (suggesting he might have been a member of Jefferson Davis' cabinet).

In 1861, John married Avie Solonie Mourning (or Moring), (January 11, 1844 - August 7, 1916). Their children were:

1. Ella Bland, who married A. Bernie Seymour and B. Joe Kay.
2. Charles Wilson Bland "Charlie" (April 5, 1871 - October 9, 1946). Charles was known for his reorganization of the Bank of Abbeville during the Great Depression, 1935. He also had a large farming interest. Charles married Nannie Julia Blacklidge, (January 31, 1873 -). They had three children: A. Charles Wilson Bland (1902-1903); B. Oscar Lee Bland, who married Mildred Starling; C. Julia Bland who married Jack Fincher.
3. Zachariah W. Bland, "Jack" (February 23, 1877 - March 23, 1930). Jack was a businessman and book keeper. He married Willie Tiller (1881-1927). They had only one child, a daughter Nellie Bland who married and moved to Georgia.

* There is no household in the records of the 1850 Census that matches this description, see pp. , below.

4. Robert Clayton Bland, "Bob" (November 9, 1884 -). Bob had a number of occupations during his life. He married Willie B. McClelland (August 4, 1876 - September 8, 1934). Their children were A. Marie Bland who married Foy Davis; B. Robert Clayton Bland Jr. ; C. Louise Bland, who married Earl Capps; D. Salonie Bland, died June 1, 1904; E. John Franklin Bland (February 24, 1922 - May 18, 1922).
5. Mattie Ann Bland, married Daniel Edgar Kennedy.
6. Thomas Jefferson Bland, nicknamed "Dump", was a bank cashier, book keeper and insurance agent, also a Mason and Shriner. He also was mayor of Abbeville and served several terms as Councilman. Dump married Sue Skipper. Their children were A. Hattie Lee Bland, who married Jack Brooks; B. Howard "Snake?" Bland, who married Hazel Gibbons; C. Susie Wilson Reynolds, who married R.R. Reynolds; D. Ike Bland who married Elizabeth Latham and E. Thelma Bland Bailey, who married John David Bailey.

1850 CENSUS: NEW ENGLAND AND NORTHEASTERN STATES

Introduction:

During 1987-1988, Joyce Bland McCool, Overland Park Kansas, tirelessly and painstakingly, at my request, compiled records of the Bland Family in the U.S. Census for 1850. It has been my intention to publish this work in one volume, annotated with notes in existence about what we know of families as they appear. The 1850 Census included 32 states with Bland families. Beginning with this issue I will cover several states, regionally grouped, with the ultimate objective of compiling a publication under one cover. Computer technology will make this work manageable, if done over a reasonable span of time.

The 1850 Census marked a major step in census taking. All of you have surely encountered the difficulty in guesswork that was a feature of prior censuses. Beginning with 1850, the Census included the names of every member of the family, their sex and age, occupation, value of real estate, and place of birth. Families were also segregated by county, dwelling number and family number, making it possible to detect patterns when families lived close together. Further, the lives of many of the children in the 1850 Census extended into the 20th century. They were the great grandparents, and grand parents of those living today. With allowance for failed memories about ages, absence of family members from the household when the census taker came and also the lapses of census takers themselves, the 1850 Census holds immense value for genealogical researchers.

In this issue, I will list Blands, Blans and Blanns who appeared in the 1850 Census for the New England States, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and two major states in the North East, New Jersey and New York. Volume 7-2, will include Maryland, Pennsylvania, The District of Columbia and Virginia. It may not be generally known that there were so many Blands in the New England and North Eastern states, most of whom would have had no logical connection to any of the older families from Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Kentucky. Among other things, I hope enumeration of these families will encourage a process by which people find their ancestors and begin to do further research.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Dwelling/ Family Number</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Age/Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>BirthP</u>
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Connecticut

Fairfield County:

281	141/167	Bland, Charles Margaret Sarah E.	29/M 26/F 1/F	Laborer	\$300.	England England Conn.
282	148/174	Bland, Moses Elizabeth Mary John	52/M 52/F 17/F 12/M	Laborer		England England England England
286	202/232	Bland, Hannah	20/F	Laborer		England (Hannah was enumerated in the household of C.E. Richardson).

New Haven County:

350	194/199	Bland, John A. Emma Martha Joice	39/M 32/F 13/F	Polisher		England England Conn.
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New London County:

85	1227/1436	Bland, David	18/M	Clerk		Conn. (Enumerated in the household of Davis Gardener)
91	1306/1561	Bland, Henry T.	27/M	Carpenter	\$1,000.	Conn.