

Among Cousins

The Bland Family Newsletter



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Dear Cousins,

Invitations have been mailed out for the Fifth National Bland Reunion, to be held August 12-13, 1989 at Cumberland Mississippi, a small town near Starkville. If for some reason, you did not get your invitation and order form, please write to me or call at the number listed below. This years reunion will be sponsored by Angelia Bland Alford of Meban Mississippi, and the Reunion will honor the Bland's who were descended from Joseph Bland of Duplin County N.C. (C1750-1800, AC 3-1, pp. 16-120).

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Special Reunion Rates of \$30. per room, no matter the occupancy, have been established at The Regal Inn, Starkville. The Regal Inn will be Reunion headquarters for out-of towners. The Manager asks that reservations be made as soon as possible, but no later than August 1, 1989. The special rates will hold only if a minimum number of rooms are reserved.

Similarly, in order to plan the Reunion and project the approximate number in attendance, Angelia Alford asks that you return the order form, even if it is without payment. This will help to make the necessary head count. You should send your paid reservation form to Angelia no later than August 5.

On behalf of Angelia Alford and her family, I look forward to seeing you in Mississippi August 12-13.

Other Reunions: Clyde Bland informed me that there was a very successful Reunion of the Chatham County, North Carolina Blands, June 4, 1989, at Pittsboro North Carolina. This was the core group for the 1988 National Reunion, and Clyde reported that everyone was still exited about that event. Clyde Bland and his wife Hazel, expressed appreciation for the notes of thanks they received from many of those in attendance at last year's National Reunion.

Address Change: Please note the change of address and phone number that appears on page one. To repeat:

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Loss of Vision of Unity, Manuscript: During a recent move, I lost the manuscript of A Vision of Unity. A replacement copy was made of the narrative, without difficulty. The acute loss is the photographs, which will have to be reconstructed. Some are in the public domain, others are irreplaceable. I will be writing to the original donors during the summer for second copies, but in some cases, I do not expect replacements to be forthcoming, and will use different photographs. This will result in a second edition of the book, hopefully to be ready by October 1989. Remember, however, that if you already own the book, only the photos will be different. The narrative will remain the same.

Library Placements: An anonymous donor has asked that two copies of the book, A Vision of Unity be placed in one of the major state libraries in Alabama and Mississippi. I have yet to determine which libraries those should be, but will announce them at the National Reunion in Mississippi.

Apology: In a previous number, (AC 3-2, p. 21) I wrote about a member of the King and Queen Virginia Family, John Bland, (C1766-1846), "no one has thought that he might be a younger son of William Bland Senior, (C1725-1783). I hasten to add that I do not have proof but inherent logic compels me to list him that way." Thus, after entering the required qualifications for the record, I began to assume the connection, a view that was not shared by my correspondent Carol Adams of Charleston South Carolina, who descends from John.

That was 1985. By 1987, I had prepared a key to lines of descent for subscribers and correspondents and in my mind apparently transposed qualified assumption for fact, (AC 5-1, pp. 51-53 and 54). At that point Mrs. Adams fell victim to her usual appearance as the first name in my alphabetical list of subscribers and correspondents that appears at the back of the Newsletter. When describing the way to use the "Key" that appears to the left of the list, I wrote "If you descend from William Bland of King and Queen County, your code is 13 and you would profit from writing to Carol Adams of Charleston South Carolina." Mrs. Adams protests that this is an error, because she does not accept the link between William Bland and John Bland. But Carol Adams indicates that she is willing to share information with persons descended from John Bland (C1766-1846) of King and Queen County Virginia. My apologies. Beginning with this issue, I will revise the use of the key, using my own name as an example.

Index for Volumes 6 and 7 I realize that I have been remiss in preparing these indexes. I will complete them during the Fall of 1989 and either send them out via a special mailing (free of charge to subscribers), or enclose them with Volume 8, number 1, February 1990.

Thanks for Special Contributions:

Joyce Bland McCool and Jane Midtby. Commencing with the last issue (AC 7-1, pp. 32-39), we began the task of publishing the 1850 Census for the Bland Family, covering the New England States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts New Hampshire, and the Northeastern States of New Jersey and New York. In this issue, we will cover the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland and District of Columbia as well as Indiana (CF below, pp. 32ff.) Much of the non-census background about Indiana is derived from the research of Jane C. Midtby of Denver Colorado. This project is the fruit of the efforts in 1986-1987 of Joyce Bland McCool of Overland Park Kansas who did the basic research work for an annotated 1850 Census for the Bland Family. I, as well as other Bland family researchers, are grateful to Joyce McCool for this work and to Jane Midtby, for all her fine work on the state of Indiana.

Also, in this number, I will summarize the names of known soldiers who fought in the War of 1812, information also gathered by Mrs. McCool, (see below, pp. 27-31). I will ask that anyone who visits the National Archives in Washington or any branch of the Archives, make an attempt to retrieve the service files of at least a few of these soldiers. In this issue, I will outline the findings of a few whose records I was able to retrieve in a visit to the National Archives in Summer 1987.

Gordon and Frances Owens: I would like to say a special word of thanks to Gordon and Virginia Owens of Newton Square Pennsylvania, for their willingness to undertake a review of the papers of Mrs. Lee (Dorothy James) Herrington, filed at the Westfield New Jersey Public Library. This project is still in progress.

Albert and Mildred Hunter: A special thanks is also due to Albert and Mildred Hunter for indexing Nicholas Carlisle, Collections for a History of the Ancient Family of Bland (1826). The Hunters provided me with a hard copy index, cross listed etc. and a floppy disk back up record. I am grateful to the Hunters for this prodigious effort, which makes accessible to Bland researchers many names, heretofore buried in this wonderful but unwieldy and unindexed work.

Harriet Bland Green, Olympic Gold Medalist:

In the last number, I made mention of Harriet Claiborne Bland Green, 1 of St. Louis Missouri. Known as "the fleetest female in these parts". Harriet was the granddaughter of Judge Charles Clelland Bland, and the niece of Richard Parks "Silver Dick" Bland, (VU pp. 466-472). She was a Gold Medalist in the 1936 Olympics, for her role in the 400 meter relay. Thanks to Ruth Bland White of Nashville Tennessee, we have for display, a photo of Harriet Bland which hangs at the St. Louis Cardinals Stadium in the Hall of Fame Museum, St. Louis Missouri.



Harriet C. Bland
1936 Olympic
Gold Medalist

1 Harriet C. Bland married William Green of Webster Groves Missouri, in 1938. They had one son, William Bland Green, and two grandchildren. Harriet Bland was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1974, Harriet Bland Green suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and has since been confined to a wheelchair.

The 1936 Olympics story reveals an interesting story about Harriet C. Bland.² The Eleventh Modern Olympiad, held in Berlin, which by 1936 had become an oppressive, racist police state, was a tribute of sorts to the persistence and promotion of Chancellor Adolph Hitler and his Minister of Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels. The 1936 Olympics were meant to be a deceptive window through which an unwary world saw Germany internally at peace. Also, it was an opportunity for Hitler to display what he thought was the best of his Master Race. By now, the feat of American runner Jesse Owens in bursting this racist baloon has become an Olympics legend. Less well known is the story of the two Missourians, Harriet Bland and Helen Stephens, an 18 year old in 1936 who was known as the fastest woman in the world, and Annette Rogers and Elizabeth Robinson from Chicago. These young women were coached by Dee Beckman, of St. Louis, a member of the 1928 Olympic Team and the first woman Olympic Coach.

In 1928, Betty Robinson won the gold medal for the 100 yard dash (12.2 seconds) at Amsterdam, becoming the first woman Track and Field Champion. She also won a Silver Medal in the 400 Yard Relay. Owing to injuries suffered in a plane crash, Robinson was unable to compete in the 1932 games. Annette Rogers, born in 1914, was a member of the Gold Medal Winning 400 Yard Relay team at the 1932 Olympics.

Born in 1915, Harriet Bland recalled, "I enjoyed running . . . I could run fast, I knew that . . . I won every race I was in." Harriet qualified for the 1932 Olympics Team, but was prevented from going by Olympics President Avery Brundage. No reason for her disqualification was ever given, but she was determined to compete in the Olympics. Her family employed Dee Beckman to give Harriet special attention and training.³

² This essay is derived from the following published sources: Duff Hart-Davis, Hitler's Games: The 1936 Olympics (1986); Richard D. Mandell, The Nazi Olympics, (1971); and Frederick W. Rubien, Ed., Report of the American Olympic Committee, (1936). I am also grateful to Dorothea Gilbreath, St. Louis Missouri, for the following articles: Jack Herman, "Harriet Bland Green: A Proud Grandmother", St. Louis Globe Democrat, September 26, 1972; Robert L. Burnes, "The Forgotten Champion", Ibid, February 28, 1978; June Wuest Becht, "'Golden Girls' of 1936 Made Olympic History", St. Louis Post-Dispatch, May 10, 1983. I also consulted Newsweek, October 10, 1988, p. 14-20, for ragmentary information about Florence Joyner. Finally, I am grateful to June Wuest Becht, an Olympics Historian from St. Louis, for generously sharing with me her views about the 1936 Olympics during a phone conversation on June 30, 1989.

³ Helen Stephens later chuckled about this, "Harriet and Dee didn't always hit it off. Harriet was a happy, vibrant, enthusiastic kid and Dee was a tough disciplinarian. They didn't

In 1936, Bland qualified again, and the St. Louis Globe Democrat initiated a campaign that raised more than \$500. (a princely sum during the Great Depression), to send her to Berlin. In the first trial heat of Olympics Competition, in the 100 meter dash, Harriet Bland was eliminated. She had come down with pneumonia and "I tried to scratch . . . but our coach (Dee Beckman) said if I couldn't run in the 100 meters, I couldn't run the relay either. I led the field for 80 yards - I always started quickly - but my lungs gave out." This left Helen Stephens and Annette Rogers in the final. Stephens won, setting a world record of 11.5 seconds, beating the polish champion Stanislaw Walasiewicz, or as she was more simply known, Stella Walsh, across the finish line by two yards. ⁴ Stephens had been clocked at 11.4 seconds in a trial heat.

The four original entrants, Bland, Robinson, Rogers and Stephens made up the winning American Team in the 400 Meters Relay. Although Coach Beckman had switched the four women during practice, in order to fool spies, Harriet Bland ran the first stage for the American team. "I could always break fast and I had the lead when I handed the baton to Annette Rogers. She and Betty Robinson widened the lead and then Helen Stephens, running Anchor, just raced away from everybody. It still has to be, I think, the greatest thrill of my life." There remains a question, however, whether the American team would have won if the favored German team, which had set a world record of 46.4 seconds in the trial heat, had not collapsed. In the final, the third girl, _____

always agree . . . but maybe it was the best medicine. It sure worked.

⁴ Stephens had run at 11.4 seconds in a trial heat. In 1935, Helen Stephens high school coach had entered her into the National AAU meet in St. Louis, which was attended by some 4,000, who were on hand to see Walsh, "the fastest woman in the world." At the 1932 Olympics, the Polish runner had broken the 1928 record set by Elizabeth Robinson for the 100 Meter Dash. Walsh called Stephens "that greenie from the sticks" and Stephens countered with, "who is Stella Walsh?" Thus, Their race in 1936 could be labeled a grudge match. A ferocious competitor, Stephens was "almost six feet tall flat chested, long necked and appeared rather rangily relaxed. . . outsized and almost as effective as a man." Stephens held the 100 meter dash record until 1960, when Wilma Rudolph ran it at 11.3. In the 1988 Olympics, Florence "Flo Jo" Joyner ran the 100 meter dash in trial heats of 10.49, 10.62 and 10.88. June W. Becht beleives it is pointless to compare the athletes of the 30s with those of the 80s, because of the more primitive conditions in which the earlier athlestes competed. For example, athletes like Harriet Bland and Helen Stephens, dug starting positions for themselves and ran on a cinder track, whereas Flo Jo used starting blocks and ran on an all weather track.

Marie Dollinger, left a ten meter lead over the Americans. The anchor, Ilse Dorffeldt was poised with all her splendid Germanic will to maintain her lead over her American opponent, Helen Stephens. Dorffeldt, who was the normal lead off runner and accustomed to shifting the baton in her hands, must have become unnerved as being pitted against the lightning fast Stephens. At the pass-off, Dorffeldt began her dash, then staggered to a stop. She had unnecessarily attempted to change hands and dropped the baton, which disqualified her team. "She shrieked with grief as her hands rushed wildly to her head in an effort to block out the unanimous gasp of disgust from her assembled countrymen," (Mandell, p. 174), including Adolph Hitler, who had leapt to his feet with joy when Dollinger opened up the big lead. With Dorffeldt's fatal error, Der Fuhrer's great ass thumped into his seat, and for once, he was at silent. Stephens crossed the finish line at 46.9, ten meters ahead of the nearest competitor, while the German team grieved from the sideline. Hitler comforted and ordered up a limousine escort for the losing German team, (it is one of those ironies of history that a concentration camp for Jews was flourishing at Oranienburg, about an hour's drive from this tender scene).

Would the Americans have won the Gold Medal without the accident? Should this victory be likened to Roger Maris' 61st Home Run? At the time, speculation raged over whether Stephens could have closed the formidable gap between the Americans and the Germans. To the Germans, it seemed unlikely that even Stephens could have brought it off. Olympics historian June Becht believes the Americans would still have won, because Stephens was gaining on Dorffeldt so quickly that she would have eked out a victory even if Dorffeldt had hung onto the baton. It is important for us to remember, however, that Stephens, as the last leg of the relay, had to rely on Harriet Bland, Annette Rogers and Elizabeth Robinson to get the baton to her in order to set her 46.9 mark. Harriet Bland was thus the beginning of the end for the German team, and the genesis of victory for her own.

Harriet Bland Green later commented that she thought she didn't gain the fame of her more illustrious colleagues Robinson, Stephens and Beckman, because she gave up competition in 1938 to get married to Mr. Green. ". . . that was more important to me than track. So I walked away from competition. Besides, I had achieved what I set out to do - make the Olympic Team and win a Gold Medal. There didn't seem any more worlds to conquer." Along the way, Harriet Bland had the honor of showing up Adolph Hitler and his terrible conception of the Master Race. Indeed, she can be proud and we can be proud to be her cousin.



1936 Olympic Gold Medalists, 400 Meter Relay, L-R: Harriet C Bland Green; Annette Rogers Kelly; Elizabeth Robinson Schwartz; Helen Stephens.

Courtesy June Wuest Becht

Transitions:

During this period, I received no notices regarding births or marriages.

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death on March 5, 1989 of Jessamine Bland James (1899-1989), of Tucson Arizona. Mrs. James was a well known Bland researcher and compiled for the public her very valuable Bland Family, Court and Bible Records, which provide basic documents in the development of the Bland

family of Northern Virginia and her family line as it migrated from Virginia to Garrard County Kentucky. Jessamine was the descendant and principle historian of James Bland (C1687-1756) of Prince William County, Virginia, (VU, pp. 401-416).

Jessamine Bland graduated from Georgetown College Kentucky in 1922 and came to Tucson in 1923. In Tucson, she married Roland James. Mrs. James was a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, the National Society of Daughters of American Colonialists, the Huguenot Society of Magna Charta, the National Society of Sons and Daughters of 1812, the National Society of Colonial Dames, the National Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, Descendants of the Founders of Hartford, the National Gavel Club and the Order of the First Families of Virginia, 1607-1624. 5

I should note that Mrs. James was one of the first Bland researchers I contacted back in 1979-1980, when I was beginning work on A Vision of Unity. I still remember how she chuckled at my anxious and breathless questions. She was one of my favorites and will surely be missed.

Another favorite of mine, since we first made contact was Linneous Preston Bland, Jr. (1900-1989), of Wakefield, Virginia, who died on on March 11, 1989. 6

Preston contacted me in 1984 and remained an avid and very stimulating correspondent until the last two years of his life, when he was unable to write or call. I remember him for his kindness and generosity to me, his willingness to disagree while retaining my personal friendship, and for his unbounded "joie de vivre", marvelous sense of humor and stoicism in face of incredible physical pain. Preston was also an active correspondent with many other Bland researchers, always a joy to work with. His search for the connection of his grandfather Zachariah Bland, though not completed in his lifetime, led him to many theories, which he shared with me and others, developing lines not previously known about. The development of information about John Bland (1739-1777, AC 7-1, pp. 10-11) of the James River Family and of John Bland (C1770-1842, AC 6-2, pp. 13-14) assumed to be a son of Osborne Bland, resulted from L.P. Bland's work. 7

5 I am grateful to Eleanor Hayes Smith of Tucson for sending me obituary notices of Mrs. James death.

6 I am grateful to L.P. Bland's children, especially, L.P. Bland and Nan Seely, for information about their father. I am also grateful to Bill and Vera Moore of Hopewell Virginia and Ruth Bland White of Nashville Tennessee to obituary notices they sent.

7 I think that L.P. descends from the King and Queen County Virginia family but the link of his grandfather Zachariah Bland to that family has not been found.

L.P. Bland was born in Cash, Gloucester County Virginia, the son of Linneous Payne Bland (1859-1901) and Mary Ellen Padgett (1860-). During his youth, he transferred to Burkeville Virginia because of a malaria epidemic in Gloucester County. He graduated from Burkeville High School in 1920 and entered Randolph Macon College in the same year. He transferred to Roanoke College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1926. He studied theology through a correspondence course from Emory University. Between 1926-1967, L.P. Bland served the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, as pastor at eight locations and as pastor at Claremont Virginia after his retirement, 1970-1973.

During his life, L.P. also led a fight in the 1930s, to prevent the reduction of the public school year from nine months to six. He organized annual summer camps for youth while he served as minister at Clarksville, and during the 1940s, taught and coached basketball and baseball at Climax high school in Pittsylvania County and at Gretna High School in Virginia. The people of Gretna named their Baseball Park "Bland Field".

Preston married Ethel Price Heckman (1902-1978), on June 8, 1926. They had the following children: Linneous Preston Bland III; Benjamin Price Bland, Nan Bland Seely, and James Leftwich Bland. Ethel Price Heckman died December 20, 1978. After his wife's death, L.P. Bland became active in genealogical work. He was, during my acquaintance with him, active in the attempted restoration of the Bland Cemetery at Jordan's Point Virginia.⁸ L.P. Bland's genealogical papers, many of them discussed in *Among Cousins* during 1984-1988, have been filed at the Swem Library, William and Mary College, Virginia.

"L.P. Bland of Wakefield Virginia has thrown an interesting wrinkle into this. . ." (AC 7-1, p. 10) Ah, how I regret that I can no longer write lines like this. We share the sorrow of L.P.'s family. More than that, the Bland family has lost a true friend. L.P. Bland's loss is tremendous to the Bland family across this nation.

⁸ Jordan's Point continues to yield important archeological finds, such as the discovery by workers from the Virginia Division of Historical Landmarks in April 1989, of a 17th century iron breastplate, hoe and metal piece. Jordan's point is now one of a series of 17th Century sites in a planned residential community called "Jordan on the James." I am grateful to Bill and Vera Moore of Hopewell who, on behalf of the Bland family, have been active in efforts to preserve the Bland Cemetery at Jordan's Point, for forwarding newspaper notices of these finds to me.

I am happy to display to the right, a photo of Linneous Preston Bland (1901-1989) and his wife, Ethel Price Heckman, (1902-1978), courtesy L.P. Bland III and Nan Bland Seely.



I received from Ruth Bland Hill of New Martinsville West Virginia, notice of the death of her husband Lloyd Kenneth Hill Sr. (1913-1989) on May 20, 1989. Ken and Ruth were regular attendants at the National Reunion and I came to be very fond of them both. We are saddened to hear of Ken's death.

I received from Lenore Bland Brown and from Marjorie Bland Sayles a notice of the death of Marjorie's brother Robert L. Bland (1922-1989), of Merkel Texas January 17, 1989. Robert was a cattleman and rodeo professional, and son of Robert Lafayette Bland and Eula Mae Diltz, (VU. pp. 551-552 and AC 2-2, p. 37A). Robert married Rosemary Beck August 20, 1948. His children include sons John, Rex and Steve Bland and daughters Diltzie Bland Shelton and Beckie Bland Brown.

I received a notice from Inez Turner of Hope Arkansas, about the death of Carroll Dee Bland, (1947-1989) of North Little Rock, Arkansas, date uncertain but during the winter-spring of 1989. Carroll Bland was a founding member of a local jazz group called "The Blues Patrol" and his death was reported to have "left a big hole" in the state's music. ⁹ Carroll was a Vice President and board member of an organization known as the Arkansas Blues Connection. According to a radio program director

⁹ Bland appears from his photography to be a fine red head with the physique of Henry VIII in his later years. He was also locally famous for his "Blandwiches" that were prepared and sold at the family grocery he had run since 1985, along with his mother Nancy Lee Bailey Bland. Bland also had a speaking part as a veteran railroad man named "Fat Chester" in a Mary Steenburgen movie, "End of the Line".

who had known him, "Carroll Dee had real exuberance for life . . . a great talent, intelligent and perceptive on any subject you'd care to discuss." Carroll was survived, in addition to his mother, by a brother Verlyn Dale and sisters Jo and Bland McDonald, Cassandra Lee Bland Archer and Nedra L. Bland Preston.

Before sending this issue off to be printed, I received from Jane Midtby of Denver Arizona, news of deaths, close together during the summer of 1988, of siblings Rudell Bland Tonkinson, (1899-1988) and Willard Harold Thomas "Bill" Bland, (1907-1988). Rudell died in early July 1988 and Willard died August 1, 1988. They were children of James Hagen Bland and Rose Cash. James was the son of Thomas Osborne Bland (1832-1898) and his wife Emily Lampton, (1837-1918). This family ultimately traces back to John Bland and Margaret Osborne. Willard was an entrepreneur in all sorts of hats. He is shown here in a "genuine sailor straw hat". Jane Midtby received this information from Virginia Louise Bland Nelson, youngest sister of Willard and Rudell.

I am pleased to display below, L-R, photographs of Robert L. Bland (1922-1989), courtesy Marjorie Bland Sayles; Carroll Dee Bland, (1947-1989), courtesy Inez Turner and Willard Harold Thomas Bland (1907-1988), courtesy Jane Midtby.



I am grateful to Bill and Vera Moore of Hopewell Virginia for an obituary notice of Flossie Green Bland (1894-1989) of Hopewell. Flossie was born at Newport Tennessee, daughter of James D. Green and Melissa Burke. She was the widow of Robert Daniel Bland. Mrs. Bland was a secretary for the Prince George County Court until she retired in 1966.

I received from a colleague an obituary notice, also undated, for Kathy Bland Holloway McLean (1945-1989), wife of the Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Arkansas, who fell to her death from a cliff at the Diocesan Conference Center at Mount Petit Jean. I have no further information about Mrs. McClean.

VIRGINIA FAMILIES

King and Queen County

How Many John Blands?

A question arose many times in the past about the identification of John Bland, the subject of Warrant #2937 for Service in the American Revolution. Many Bland descendants thought this man was John Bland (1725-1795) who founded a large family in Nelson County Kentucky. At the first National Bland Reunion in August 1985, Roberta Shannon Stimpson of Berkeley Michigan provided me with the papers that supported this warrant. Upon examination, I determined that the man in question was John Bland of King and Queen County Virginia. The key document was a letter from Henry Guthrie, January 16, 1854, which stated that John Bland, the Revolutionary Soldier, died "about thirty five years ago." I published this information in a subsequent issue of the Newsletter (AC 4-2, pp. 5-6), and assumed that instead of talking about the one John Bland in King and Queen County who lived from C1766-1846, we were discussing two John Blands, one who lived from 1760-1819 and was a Revolutionary Soldier and another, (C1784-1846). At the time I indicated "I may be scalped for this" but I did not see my hair falling to the floor until this Spring. In response to a long letter from Carol Adams, and an exchange of views with Bland Williamson of Tulsa Oklahoma, who has just come out with a valuable work about the King and Queen Family, I offer the following 10:

There was a John Bland Jr. (C1766-1846, 11, AC 3-2, pp. 21-22). This John Bland married (1) Frances Drummond about 1804 and (2) Martha Collier. Both wives were dead by 1844. A document in Carol Adams possession, January 8, 1844, indicates that John Bland had three children by these two wives:

By Frances Drummond:

1. Roderick Bland, (1805-1872), who married Julia Clayton, (1809-1840) and Frances C. Goulder, (1820-1872).

2. Fanny Bland who married John Marshall Taylor

10 Bland Williamson Jr., Notes on the Descendants of William Bland (C1725-1783) of King and Queen County Virginia, 2nd Revision, (1989), pp. 11-12.

11 In a deposition taken in King and Queen County, August 30, 1844, John Bland Jr. indicated he was 78 years old.

By Martha Collier:

3. Nancy Todd Bland, who married Richard Barnes Lawson on November 2, 1848.

Bland Williamson advises me that the problem with my theory, (AC 4-2, pp. 5-6) was not two Johns but the father/son construct. In other words, I have mixed up the first and second Johns, previously, and compounded the error by insisting upon a father/son relationship, when there wasn't any.

The second John, 12 (C1760-1819), is predicated on the following: A discharge roster from Revolutionary Service for Nathaniel Welsh's Company, Second Virginia Regiment January 24, 1780, made up primarily of soldiers from Gloucester and King and Queen County, included a John Bland, age 20, who had served as a private for three years. This John held 30 acres in King and Queen County by 1782 and was married to Susannah. John, his wife and a daughter Elizabeth are included in the 1783 tax list. Their children were, according to the key duplicate warrant of February 18, 1854 and a judicial determination of John's heirs, May 15 1854:

1. Elizabeth Bland (C1783-1824), who married William Muire. Elizabeth, according to the 1854 judicial determination, "died intestate about thirty years ago."

2. James Redwood Bland, as asserted by Bagby. According to the 1854 judicial determination, James "died some years ago, intestate and leaving no children." James Redwood Bland was said by Bagby to have married an Allbright woman. 13

3. Joanna Bland, who married Charles Roane.

4. Frances Roane Bland (1797-1865), who married William Chapman.

Mr. Williamson offers as his best guess that this John Bland (1760-1819), was the son of the elder William Bland, (C1725-1783).

12 Bland Williamson to Charles Bland, April 16, 1989. Mr. Williamson finds four John Blands in the 1820 Census summary for King and Queen County, indicating that even if this essay clears up things for the two men in question, there remain at least two more to be dealt with.

13 This leaves unsolved, among many other questions, the parentage of Muire Bland, who also married an Allbright according to Bagby and Drummond Bland.

Mr. Williamson classifies John Jr. (1766-1846) as a "loose end" but "my best guess remains" that the "John" listed in the elder William Bland's household in 1783, was John Jr., antecedent of Carol Adams. 14 This begs the question: who is John's father? A possibility that fits is William Bland Jr. (C1746-1788). The ages fit, as does the association with the older William Bland, but then why was he named John Jr. if his father was William? Could it be a device that distinguished him from his uncle John? Too many questions, too many John Blands running around the Virginia countryside.

This is a viable alternative structure for these two John Blands, however, Bland Williamson's lawyerly caution should be instructive: "the structure of the King and Queen family is still subject to a considerable amount of speculation. . ." and "I believe that the various 'John Blands' are the most troublesome."

Further Information about the Family of Isaac Bland (1798-1868)

Isaac was a son of William Bland, (C1765-1838) and Mary Ann Corr, (1774-1813). In the previous issue (AC 7-1, pp. 3-5), I enumerated children of Isaac through his marriage to Paralee Sanders, showing they had seven children, including Thomas Jefferson Bland (1854-1940), ancestor of Ruth Bland White of Nashville Tennessee. In March, Mrs. White wrote me that she had received from Eleanor Harris, a line of descent from Susan Elizabeth Bland, eldest child and daughter of Issac Bland and Paralee Sanders. Susan Elizabeth Bland (1838-1914) married Hiram William Beazley, about 1853. Their fourth child, George Washington Beazley, was Mrs. Harris' ancestor.

• Frederick County

Thomas Bland, (1789-1874), son of Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson

This is a family of interest to many correspondents, which has never been fully treated. Thomas Bland, a carpenter and farmer, was the second of three sons of Joseph Bland (C1752-1812) and Susan Bailey Johnson, (whose children are outlined in AC 4-2, pp. 8-9). Thomas was born 1789 and died February 4, 1874 in Greene County in Western Pennsylvania, just across the state line from Wetzel and Monongalia Counties West Virginia. Thomas served in the War of 1812, May 7, 1814 to August 13, 1814, under Captain J. Hurvey's Company, (See below, P. 30) He married twice, first

14 Williamson, Notes, pp. 47-50, and ltr to Charles Bland, June 1989.

Elizabeth McCullough, (1796 - 1853), in 1812. 15 Both were born in Virginia. (AC 2-1, p. 9; 2-2, pp. 37-38, 3-1, pp. 11-13; 3-2, pp. 27-30 and 4-1, pp. 21-22). Thomas and Elizabeth had a family of 12 children including:

1. Mary Bland (C1813-)
2. Susan Bland (July 19, 1816 -) (Cf AC 3-2, p. 28, which shows Susan was born in 1830). Susan married John D. Cooper in Mason County Virginia in February 1850.
3. Delilah Bland (C1817-1887). In 1850, Delilah "Sinds" (Sine or Syne) was living in the household of her brother Joseph Bland, with infant children Ezra and Alvey. Delilah married John Ralley Sine (1810-1895).
4. Amelia Bland (C1819-)
5. John Bland (September 10, 1822 -)
6. Martha Bland (C1823 -)
7. Joseph Bland (1824-1906), who moved to Ohio and Missouri in his younger years and returned to Greene County where in 1848 he married Elsie Jane Church (1825-1909). Joseph and Elsie moved to Appanoose County Iowa after 1850, and remained there for the rest of their lives, and had a family of eight children (AC 2-1, p. 9).
8. Elizabeth Bland (September 22, 1827 -). Elizabeth married John Hixenbaugh of West Virginia, October 5, 1851.
9. Catherine (C1828 -).
10. Thomas H. Bland (C1828 - 1893). Thomas married Mary Hennen (1835-1908) and moved with her to Courtland Kansas.
11. Cynthia Bland (1833-)
12. Sarah Bland (1835 -)
13. Eleanor Bland (1837 -)

15 Lois Cramer, San Diego California has a marriage entry that shows Thomas, at age 23, married Elizabeth McCullough in 1812. (AC 3-2, pp. 27-28).

Following the death of Elizabeth McCullough, Thomas Bland married Sarah Carrel Dowell 16 and had by her, two sons:

14. Francis (June 28, 1855 -)
15. Hugh (1859)

I am grateful to Evelyn Porter of Redding California for bringing the necessity of this update to my attention.

Amherst County

Will of John Newman

In the last issue (AC 7-1, p. 18) I indicated that John Newman "did not mention Sarah Newman Bland, (wife of Jesse Bland), in his will of 1842. Herbert Francis Bland of Paragould Arkansas has sent to me the complete Newman will showing that indeed Newman did mention his daughter Sarah. My mistake.

NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES

Delayed Publication

I received late from Jane Midtby of Denver Colorado, an in depth study of Abel Bland (C1788-1863), of Randolph County North Carolina and his descendants. A full exposition would contribute greatly to resolution of past inconsistencies in understanding this man's family history. Because of the lateness of receipt, I must defer it to the next issue.

Similarly, while at the National Reunion in Pittsboro North Carolina, August 13-14, 1988, I discovered a rich collection of photographs of pioneers of the family of John Bland (C1754-1827),

the son of William Bland (C1726-1775) who moved to Chatham County N.C. and whose descendants have tended to remain in that area. I hope to have a representative selection of them available by the next issue.

16 Sarah Carrel Dowell's (previosuly called Devall) widow's petition, claims that she married Thomas March 15, 1849, however, the 1850 Census shows Thomas' wife as Elizabeth (McCullough), age 54.

Descendants of James Bland (C1749-1799)

Thomas C. and Donita Hulsey of Napa California have provided valuable new information about the family of Joseph Bland (C1819-1863) and Sarah A. Milam, (C1823-1899, VU., p. 340 and AC 1-1, pp. 4-5), that adds form to their lives. Joseph was a son of William Bland, (C1787-), who was a son of James Bland (C1749-1799) and William's wife, Elizabeth McBain, (C1789 -). According to a Certificate of Service obtained by Mr. Hulsey, Joseph served during the Civil War as a Private in Company D, 23rd Regiment of the Iowa Infantry. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Black River, part of the Vicksburg Campaign, May 17, 1863, and died the following July 14 at a hospital in Memphis Tennessee. Sarah appears as a widow in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Promise, Wayne County Iowa. Their children were:

1. Francis M. Bland (C1842 - July 16, 1863). Like his father, Francis was killed from wounds suffered at the battle of Black River. He died at the same hospital as his father.

2. James T. Bland (1846-).

3. William T. Bland (April 4, 1847 - March 30, 1924). In 1880, William was living in Walton Township, Rooks County Kansas, married to Amelia (C1854 -), 17 with two children:

A. Otto Bland (December, 1875 -)

B. Orin Perl Bland (May 20, 1878 - September 14, 1920). Orin was probably born in Rooks County. He died of suicide at Seattle Washington. By 1900, Orin lived in Rice County Kansas. He married to Nettie Trumbull, November 16, 1904. They were the parents of: (1) Carl Lovell Bland, (December 1, 1905 - November 22, 1982), who married, first, Helen Mylott (- 1960) on May 3, 1926, in Seattle Washington. Carl Bland's second wife was Clara McCluskey, (1907 -), whom he married January 12, 1963; (2) Delila Fern Bland, (December 18, 1907 - October 21, 1985), who

17 Thomas Hulsey believes Amelia's maiden name was Killon. In 1900, she was living alone in Beloit, leading to the conclusion that she and William had separated. When and where she ended her life is not known.

married first, Frank William Brewster on December 9, 1926 in Everett, Snohomish County Washington. 18 Secondly, Delila married Domenico Vincenzo Bailo on November 6, 1942. 19

About 1909, Orin Bland and Nettie Trumbull moved to Seattle Washington. I am pleased to display photos of Orin Perl Bland (1878-1920), his wife Nettie Trumbull and their children Carol Lovell Bland and Delila Fern Bland, courtesy Thomas C. and Donita Hulsey, (Directly Below):



18 Brewster was a business agent for the Teamster's Union and went on to achieve name recognition in the U.S. Senate, Beck-Brewster Teamster Racketeering Hearings of 1957. Delia and Frank Brewster were divorced July 3, 1940.

19 Delila Bland Brewster Bailo is the mother of Donita Hulsey.

After the 1880 census was published, the following children were born to William and Amelia Bland:

C. Ida Bland (C1881 - after 1924) Ida married _____ Novis.

D. C.J. Bland (C1883 -)

E. Frank R. Bland (May 30, 1887 - October 29, 1923). Frank was born in Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas. Frank may have been married, but the name of his wife is unknown.

By 1910, William is shown living with a wife Susan E. Bland. William T. Bland's obituary indicated he was survived only by his daughter Ida Bland Novis, that all other six children had died. This leaves two to be accounted for. One may be an infant daughter Dolly Bland (1884-1886).

4. Worthington Bland (C1850 -).

5. Elizabeth Jane or Jennie Bland (C1855 -). Born in Coles County Illinois. Elizabeth married J. A. Reynolds, October 30, 1873, in Wayne County Iowa. In 1880, Jenny Reynolds (C1855- and her son Tony A. Reynolds were living with Joseph A. Bland in Promise, Wayne County Iowa, with Joseph A. Bland (#6 below) and a child, Tony Reynolds (C1877 -). Jennie was evidently widowed by 1880.

6. Joseph Asbury Bland, (May 30, 1859 -).

KENTUCKY FAMILIES

The Family of Osborne and Letitia Bland

Thanks to a new correspondent, Doris L. Ashton of Chatham Illinois, we have some very interesting "new" information about this family. In a previous number, (AC 6-2, pp. 10-22, esp. 22), I attempted to provide a comprehensive framework for Osborne Bland's family, but noted that very little was known of his son Warren Bland.

Mrs. Ashton shared with me an excerpt that showed a marriage in Lebanon Kentucky, between Edward Lanham (1812 - 1866) ²⁰ and Elizabeth Bland, (1811 - 1869), a daughter of Warren Bland, a farmer and stock-man who owned a farm on the Cumberland River and also engaged in freighting and boating. He was chiefly engaged in shipping tobacco downriver in flat-boats (a youthful occupation of his brother Jesse Bland, 1778-1843). Warren served in the war of 1812, participating in the Battle of New Orleans. Warren and his brother William Bland served as privates in Taul's Seventh Regiment, Mounted Kentucky, (see below, P. 28).

Warren was married to Jane _____, who was born in Virginia about August 1781. Jane died in Sangamon County Illinois, February 10, 1874. Her movements after Warren died have given clues to their family's structure. In 1860, Jane was living with Edward and Elizabeth Bland Lanham in Kane, Greene County Illinois.

By 1870 Jane Bland was living with Thomas Bland (1835-),²¹ and his wife Catherine, (1845 -). Also present in Auburn at the same time were Jane's son John Bland (July 15, 1826 - December 17, 1896), and his wife Emily Bland (November 18, 1842 - December 25, 1919), in Auburn, Sangamon County Illinois, and a possible granddaughter Elizabeth Bland, (1845-). John and Emily Bland and three infant children, and John's mother Jane Bland are all buried in the Auburn Cemetery.

John Bland, son of Warren and Jane, had, Robert Lee Bland (1865-1866), Mary E. Bland (1867-1869) and Rosa A. Bland, (1878-1878) all of whom died young, and Ida Alice Bland, (C 1873 - 1911), who married Joseph Medd. Ida's tombstone read, "She has done what she could." Alice's granddaughter Leota Medd Newman, remembers Alice as a "very good - kind person." In addition, there were daughters Lucy Bland Gates (C1862-), Ruth Bland Herron, (1879 -) and Anna Bland Williams (1883 -).

²⁰ Edward Lanham's father Zachariah, was Irish, from Maryland. The family was Catholic. Edward Lanham was a Democrat.

²¹ The 1880 Census for Auburn, Sangamon County, Illinois, shows Thomas Bland as aged 54, meaning he was born in 1826, same year as John Bland, (1826-1896).

Thomas Bland, son or grandson of Warren and Jane Bland, and Catherine his wife, had a son John L. S. Bland, 22(C1868 -) and a daughter Elizabeth, (C1870 -); Mary Bland (1874 -) and Lelia Bland (C1877 -).

This is truly good information to have. Little by little, we are peicing together a large family of children for Osborne and Letitia Bland

The Family of William Bland of Hardin County:

Darlene Bland of Aurora Oregon sent me a line for John Miles Duvall Bland, (July 9, 1845 - May 12, 1904). John was born in Hardin County Kentucky, and Mrs. Bland indicates his father was William Bland. The only correspondence I have in previous publications would indicate that John is the son of William Bland (1813-1870), a son of William Bland and Sarah Peake, (AC 3-1, p. 28).

John moved to Missouri. On December 9, 1877, John married Rebecca Melissa Oliver, (October 4, 1857 - July 27, 1925) of Macon County Missouri. About 1881 they moved to Jackson County, Kansas City Missouri and about 1885, John and Rebecca moved to Oregon, and died there in Baker County. Their children were:

1. Cleaver Bland (1879-1880).
2. William E. Bland (March 8, 1881 - March 4, 1941). Born in Kansas City, William married Edith Scott, then divorced her.
3. John Lyman Miles Bland, (August 8, 1884 - June 17, 1961). Born in Kansas City, John married Elizabeth Duthie Moore.
4. Lee Bland (September 8, 1887 - December 26, 1952). Born in Summerville, Union County Oregon, Lee Bland married Frances Wisdom, August 15, 1930.
5. Susan Bland, (June 26, 1890 - July 23, 1932). Born in Union County Oregon, Susan married Albertus Holden July 26, 1907.
6. Bert Bland, (January 12, 1893 - January 5, 1969). Born in Union County Oregon, Bert married Lavilla Jackson Betz, March 23, 1914.
7. Richard Bland, (1896-1897).
8. Charles Oliver Bland, (June 11, 1899 - July 22, 1963). Born in Durkee, Baker County Oregon, Charles married Dorothea Margaret Urban, September 2, 1919.

The Family of Charles Bland of Garrard County

Gail Lewellen of Fort Worth Texas and Sherrill Rae Hoefer of Denver Colorado have provided interesting new information about Benjamin Mason Bland, a heretofore unknown son of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth Duncan. Thomas was in turn the son of Charles Bland and Phyllis Pope, (VU, pp. 402-415 and AC 4-2, pp. 24-26).

This began with Gail's search for Stephen Joshua Bland. A correspondent sent her an obituary for Sarah Hodges Bland, widow of Benjamin Mason Bland and mother of Stephen Joshua (or Reynolds) Bland. According to this, Sarah, (March 3, 1823 - December 25, 1916) was married to Benjamin Mason Bland (November 13, 1820 - 1868), at Bowling Green, Pike County Missouri, April 14, 1842. Benjamin was evidently the first child of Thomas Bland (1791-1845) and Elizabeth Duncan, (VU, pp. 409-11). Benjamin and Sarah took responsibility for raising Benjamin's younger brother Dalzell S. Bland (VU, p. 409 and AC 4-2, p. 25), and had a family of their own numbering twelve: 23

1. George Thomas Bland, (May 6, 1843 - October 4, 1862). George was killed during the Civil War.
2. William Henry Bland, (C1846 - May 22, 1896).
3. Elizabeth Bland (C1849 - 1916). Elizabeth married James W. Clifton.
4. Walter McGuire Bland, (December 24, 1850 - October 20, 1922), Walter married Martha Ann _____ (1851-1926).
5. Stephen Joshua or Reynolds Bland (C1853 -1928), married Emma Jane Maiden August 31, 1879.
6. Jesse Henderson Bland, (March 13, 1855 - July 7, 1940), 24 married Julie A. White on March 16, 1876.
7. James Theodore Bland, (C1857 - 1940), married Sammie Johnson, (1860-1938) May 7, 1884.
8. Mary "Mae" Lucy Bland, (C1860 -), married J.W. Spears July 22, 1885 and Carl Zantzer June 25, 1910.

23 Family group sheet for Benjamin Mason Bland and obituary for Sarah Hodges Bland, Vandalia Missouri Leader, January 21, 1916, furnished by Gail Lewellen of Dallas Texas.

24 This gives me a sense of kinship with Jesse who died the day I was born.

9. Leland Dalzell Smith Bland, (January 7, 1862 - March 10, 1920). Leland married Rilla A. Godden November 2, 1892. He was killed with his son Leslie in a railroad accident in Illinois. 25
10. Sally Bland, (C1863 -). May have married James Miner
11. Minnie or Winnie Bland, (C1867 - 1952) married Joseph M. Spears, March 1, 1888.
12. this child died in infancy, name unknown.

Inasmuch as this son Benjamin Mason Bland was not mentioned in Mrs. James' Bland Family Court and Bible Records, this is another real find, for which I am grateful to Gail Lewellen and Sherrill Rae Hoefer, of Denver Colorado.

William Bland of Green County

In a previous number, I was able to flesh out the life of William Bland (1815-1879), who was a son of Reuben Bland and Dicey West, whose family connections we don not yet have (VU, pp. 479-483, esp. 479-480 and AC 4-2, p. 40). Thanks to information received from Mrs. Glen Thompson, of Bement Illinois, we have been able to establish the parameters of William's life and that he married twice, to Phoebe Pharesby (C1816-1875), on August 16, 1835 and, in a late marriage to Elza Dagley, December 22, 1876. Mrs. Thompson's information offers a more in depth view of William's four sons, born between 1850-1857 (which begs the question: what were Bill and Phoebe doing all that time between 1835-1850?)

1. George Alfred Bland, (C1850 -), born in Wayne County, married (1) Rhody McGahan (C1861-) on June 26, 1879 and (2) Nancy J. Eastham, (C1852-), on May 22, 1881. Their children were A. Elizabeth Bland (April 1882 -); B. Lee Ann Bland (April 1883 -); C. Loretta Bland, (May 1885 -); (D) Wolford Bland, (January 1887 -); E. John Harrison Bland, (January 1889 -); F. Mollie S. Bland, (May 1891 -); G. Nelly M. Bland, (June 1892 -); H. Fanny C. Bland (December 1894 -); I. Allie E. Bland (December 1894 -); and J. Clemy, who died in infancy. Thus far no children have been discovered in the brief marriage between George Alfred and Rhody McGahan.

25 This person clears up the confusion created in a previous number (AC 4-2, p. 25).

2. William Shelby Bland, (April or May 15, 1852 - February 26, 1914), born in Pulaski County, married Lucinda Van Hoozer on January 14, 1872. Their children were A. Lovel Bland, (C1874 -); B and C. Twins, Leora and Victory Bland (March 9, 1875 -), Leora died December 22, 1932. 26 She married Newbern Daulton. Among their children were Arizona Daulton, who married Virgil M. Thompson and they were the parents of Glen C. Thompson, husband of my correspondent; D. An infant, died at four months in 1877; E. Cleophus Bland (April 1879 -); F. Elvira Oclenter Bland (April 1883 -).

3. Thomas M. Bland, (August 31, 1855 - March 15, 1889), born in Pulaski County, married Mary Ann Barnett, (1858 -), from Tennessee, on August 19, 1874. Their children were: A. Odas Bland (C1875 -); B. Doretta Bland (C1876 -); 27 C. Volland Bland (C1878 -); D. Lee Gary Bland (C1879 -); E. Tylethus Bland (C1882 -); F. Pleas Bland, (C1884 -); G. Joseph A. Bland (C1886 -); H. Wilmoth Bland (C1889 -).

4. Albert P.T. Bland, (November 2, 1857 - February 10, 1929), married Sarah Ellen Chumbley (June 8, 1862 - January 11, 1932). They are buried at the Weddle Cemetery in Pulaski County. Mrs. Thompson shows the following children for this marriage: A. Mary E. (C1876 -), 28; B. Ida Bland (C1878 -); C. Walker Bland (C1880 -); D. Shelby Bland (C1883 -); E. Adaliza Bland, (C1887 -); F. Lusetta Bland (C1890 -); G. Sophia A. Bland, (C1892 -); H. Henretta Bland (C1893 -); I. Rozala Bland, (C1896 -); J. Linnie Bland (C1901 -).

This new information is very helpful indeed, but we are still left with the question of older children of William Bland and Pheobe Pharesby.

26 In AC 4-2, p. 40, I noted that William and Lucinda may have been the parents of a "Dora" Bland (C1875 -) who married Marion Cooper September 8, 1892. This does not match the new information provided by Mrs. Thompson.

27 Cf note 21, above.

28 This corresponds to the previously reported Mary F. Bland (September 7, 1877 -) who married James Pemberton, October 10, 1897. There is no correspondence for a previously reported daughter Laravette Bland (1884-1885).

Washington County Miscelany

Peggy Rush, of Minnetonka Minnesota, has brought to my attention an error in a previous number (AC 4-2, p. 38). Lucinda Bland, (1807-1843), daughter of Thomas Morton Bland and Anne Lawrence, did not marry Samuel Pottinger, but Samuel Pottinger Phillips. Please note the original information about Lucinda (VU, pp. 474-475) which did get it right.

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILIESThe Ellzey/ Bland Connection

I would be grateful for further information concerning the connection between the Bland family of Northern Virginia, and the Ellzeys (AC 7-1, pp. 18 and 28). Wormeley Bland, (1771-1800) married Sarah Turner, (1773-1848) probably about 1794. Sarah was the daughter of William Turner and Sarah Ellzey of Northern Virginia, (VU, p. 520). The name Ellzey is repeated in various ways. For example, Wormeley and Sarah had a son Elzey or Elza, (1798-1879, AC 3-1, pp. 33-36). My great grandfather was named Berry Elsey Bland, (1856 - 1917). I believe my line descends from the Edgefield County S.C. family, (VU, pp. 541-543). Peyton Bland, (1815-1872) a son of Payton Bland (1780-1815), brother of Wormeley, had a son named Elzy Bland (1863-1938, AC 1-1, p. 13). In the Pitt County North Carolina Family there occurs an Elsey Bland (1840 -) who married Jane S. Hines (AC 2-2, p 39). I am grateful to Herbert F. Bland of Paragould Arkansas for information about the widow Sarah Elzey of Rutherford County Tennessee. 29 The key is that the revolutionary service of William Elzey (C1757 -) was attested to by John Newman, father of Sarah Newman, who married Jesse Bland of Amherst County Virginia. More information would be appreciated.

The Children of Caroline Bland (1813-1888) and William Clark

Caroline was the second child of Payton Bland and Elizabeth Smith. She married William Clark about 1830. This line was covered previously, (AC 1-1, p. 11) albeit more briefly because it is a maternal line of descent. Helen Bourque of Houston Texas sent me a much more detailed line of this family than had previously been available to me. Mrs. Bourque credited Mrs. Guri Clark of Novato California with original provision of the information. I would be happy to share it with anyone who has need of further information about this line.

29 Charles A. Sherriell, Revolutionary War Pension Applications, Franklin County Tennessee. And, Minute Books G-R Franklin County Tennessee.

MISSING LINKS

Military Service Records, War of 1812

This information was provided to me by Joyce Bland McCool in a letter dated July 15, 1986. During the following summer, while in Washington, I made a brief trip to the National Archives and retrieved a few but not nearly all of the military records. It would seem that because of its proximity to the 18th Century, the records of these men, most born before 1800, would be invaluable sources of information. I would be glad to discuss with anyone, a project whereby the entire lot could be canvassed. 30

<u>Name of Bland</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Military Unit</u>
Alexander	Pvt.	108th Regiment, (Shapelin), Virginia
Ambrose (A)	Pvt.	9th Regiment, (Boyd), Virginia
Arthur	Pvt.	3rd Regiment, (Rutledge), South Carolina
Benjamin	Sgt.	3rd Regiment, (Ponges), Kentucky
Charles	Pvt.	7th Regiment, (Barbees), Kentucky
Daniel	Pvt.	Rangers, U.S., Volunteers
Edward	Sgt.	2nd Regiment, District of Columbia
George	Pvt.	Major Cameron's Command, North Carolina
George	Cpl.	19th Regiment, (Potter), Maryland
Henry	Pvt.	5th Regiment, (Atkinson), North Carolina
Henry	Pvt.	46th Regiment, (Hopkins), Virginia
Holmes	Pvt.	Flying Company, (McDowell), Virginia
Isaac	Pvt.	Hinds Battalion, Calvary, Mississippi
James	Pvt.	Captain Bennerman Co. North Carolina
James	Pvt.	Captain Evans Co. Mounted Illinois
James	Pvt.	Youngbloods Regiment, South Carolina
James	Pvt.	9th Regiment (Boyd), Virginia
James	Pvt.	15th Regiment, (Slaughter), Kentucky
James	Pvt.	109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia
James	Sgt.	111th Regiment, (Parker), Virginia
Jesse	Pvt.	8th Regiment, (Walls), Virginia
John	Cpl.	Captain John A. Allen's, Mississippi
John	Pvt.	1st Regiment, (Clark), Virginia
John	Pvt.	1st Regiment, (Yancey), Virginia
John	Cpl.	4th Regiment, (Beatty), Virginia
John (B)	Cpl.	5th Regiment, (Hayes) Virginia
John	Sgt.	36th Regiment, (Rennos), Virginia
John	Sgt.	109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia
John (C)	Cpl.	(Henkle), Virginia
John	Sgt.	115th Regiment, (Howard), Virginia
John B.	Pvt.	Mounted Rifles (Captain McNair) Louisiana

<u>Name of Bland</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Military Unit</u>
Joseph	Pvt.	6th Regiment, Ohio.
Josiah (Blan?)	Pvt.	6th Regiment, (Ritchie), Virginia
Micajah	Cpl.	Light Dragoons, U.S. Volunteers (Col. Bails)
Micajah	Pvt.	(Trimbel's Mounted Regiment), Ohio Volunteers
Moses	Pvt.	(Captain Evans), Mounted Illinois
Moses (Blan?)	Pvt.	(Colonel Ferguson/Major Stephens), Illinois
Peter	Pvt.	98th Regiment, (Green), Virginia
Peyton	Sgt.	(Bakers Regiment), Louisiana
Richard	Pvt.	9th Regiment, (Boyd), Virginia
Richard (D)	Cpl.	62nd Regiment, (Captain Marks), Virginia
Richard	Pvt.	109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia
Robert	Lieut.	9th Regiment, (Boyd), Virginia
Robert	Capt.	109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia
Samuel	Pvt.	8th Regiment, (Mayniens), Virginia
Samuel	Pvt.	21st Regiment, (Camp & Jones), Virginia
Samuel (Dd)	Pvt.	(Captain Holland), Virginia
Theodorick	Pvt.	92nd Regiment, (Chowning), Virginia
Thomas	Pvt.	2nd Regiment, (Patterson), Pennsylvania
Thomas (E)	Pvt.	2nd Regiment, (Robertson & Bartholomew), Indiana
Thomas	Pvt.	3rd Regiment, (Cass), Ohio Volunteers
Thomas	Pvt.	4th Regiment, Artillery, Virginia
Thomas (F)	Pvt.	5th Regiment, Virginia
Thomas (G)	Pvt.	5th Regiment, (Atkinson), North Carolina
Thomas	Pvt.	5th Regiment, (Smith) Mounted Kentucky Vol.
Thomas	Pvt.	6th Regiment, (Dickinson, Scott, Coleman), Virginia
Thomas (Blan?)	? Rank	11th Regiment, Feb.-Mar. 1815, Virginia
Thomas (H)	Cpl.	30th Regiment, (Tankersley), Virginia
Thomas	Pvt.	111th Regiment, (Parker), Virginia
Thomas (I)	Pvt.	(Henkle), Virginia
Warner	Pvt.	109th Regiment, (Muse), Virginia
Warren	Pvt.	7th Regiment, (Taul), Mounted Kentucky
William	Pvt.	7th Regiment, (Taul), Mounted Kentucky 31
William	Pvt.	Captain Bennerman's Co., North Carolina
William	Pvt.	3rd Regiment, (Cass), Ohio Volunteers
William	Pvt.	5th Regiment, (Atkinson), North Carolina
William	Pvt.	7th Regiment, (Taul), Mounted Kentucky
William	Pvt.	9th Regiment, (Boyd), Virginia
Zechariah	Pvt.	3rd Regiment, (Fews), Georgia
Daniel Blan	Pvt.	Colliers Regiment, Ohio
David Blan	Pvt.	1st Regiment, (Brainerd), Connecticut
James Blan	Pvt.	Fielder's Battalion Artillery, S. Carolina

(A) Ambrose Bland, (C1800-after 1871) The petition was for three stints, August 6 to September 26, 1814 in Captain William Hutchison's Virginia Militia; December 2-8, 1814, in Captain H. Hutchinson's Virginia Militia and December 10-19, 1814 in Captain R.W. Garnett's Virginia Militia. He served each time as a private. Two of these stints were as substitutes for Richard Luskin and Richard Marshall. Ambrose appears in the 1850 Census of Caroline County, aged 50. He was still living in 1871 at Hanover Junction, Hanover County Virginia. In the 1850 Census, he was married to Sarah, aged 50 and had two children (1) Jane E. Bland, a 20 year old idiot, and (2) John F. Bland, age 17. Ambrose made the petition on his own, suggesting that Sarah was dead by 1871. Although Caroline County is near King and Queen, I have found mention of the name Ambrose only once, in the Pendleton County family, (AC4-2, p. 10)

(B) John Bland (1779-1850), a member of the James River family, (AC 5-1, p. 22). The petition was for service as a Corporal in Captain Walter G. Hayes Company, 20th U.S. Infantry, September 30, 1814 to April 21, 1815. The Petition was rejected. John's widow in 1871 was Mary B. Perkinson.

(C) John Bland, (1791-1864), a member of the Pendleton County Virginia family, (AC 2-2, p. 23 and 3-2, pp. 23-27), did service in Captain Jessie Henkle's Company, Virginia Militia, July 21, to December 10, 1814. His wife at the time of his death was Mary Parcoast, (- 1897), whom he married February 8, 1855.

(D) Richard Bland, (1793-1864), was a member of the James River family, (AC 5-1, p. 13). He served three stints between January 28 and September 17, 1813, as a Corporal in Captain Edward Mark's Company, Virginia Militia. Richard married twice, to Adeline Manton (- 1828) and Martha Elizabeth Ledbetter (- 1886, the service record says 1889).

(Dd) Samuel Bland, (C1809-June 3, 1868), served two service stints between June 24, 1813 and October 24, 1814, as a Private in Captain Joseph H. Holland's Company, Virginia Militia. Samuel married (1) Elizabeth Hines and (2) Elizabeth Busby, (1815-November 23, 1894), on February 21, 1846. In 1850, Samuel Bland was listed by the Census Taker for Isle of Wight County as Lemuel Bland, living with his wife Elizabeth Busby, two children, (1) Lemuel E. Bland (C1830 -) and Martha V. Bland (C1846 -). A girl Rose W. Busby, (C1832-) was living with the family.

(E) Thomas Bland (1793-1867), was descended from the Northern Virginia Family, (VU, pp. 377-390). He served as a Private in Captain Wordworth's Company, Pennsylvania Militia, between October 2, 1812 and April 23, 1813. On December 10, 1815, Thomas married Mary Newlon, (1796-1879) at Pruntytown Virginia.

(F) Thomas Bland (1789-1874), see above, p. 15.

(G) Thomas Bland (1789- November 11, 1862), was a son of James Bland (C1749-1799) of Duplin and Chatham County N.C (AC 2-1, pp. 7-8 and 3-1, p. 10). Thomas served a single stint from November 28, 1814 to February 22, 1815, as a Private in Captain Evans Company, North Carolina Militia. Thomas married twice, (1) to Sarah A. Thornton, and (2) to Dorcas Combs, (- February 22, 1898), on May 9, 1852, in Coles County Illinois.

(H) Thomas Bland (- 1863) Thomas died in Caroline County Virginia. His family affiliation is unknown. He served two stints, from December 28, 1813 to September 20, 1814, as a Private in Captain R. Tankersley's Company, Virginia Militia, and as a Corporal in Captain James Daniel's Company, Virginia Militia. Thomas married Martha Bowler, (- May 16, 1906) on November 10, 1847, in Caroline County Virginia. Thomas and Martha lived in Caroline County between 1851-1855, but cannot be found in the 1850 Census for Virginia.

(I) Thomas Bland (1796-1865), is of the Pendleton County Virginia family, probably a son of Henry Bland (C1770-1853), (AC 2-2, p. 22 and 3-2, p. 26). Thomas served as a private in Captain Jesse Hinkle's Company, Virginia Militia, July 21 to October 19, 1814. Thomas married Martha Cunningham, (C1799- 1893), on October 1, 1820 in Pendleton County Virginia. By 1850, Thomas and Martha, (she being a spry 32 years old), were found in Seneca County Ohio, with children Elvin P. Bland (C1832 -) and William Bland, (C1834 -). (1799-1893)

John C.W. Bland

In a previous number, (AC 5-2, p. 35) I made note of John C.W. Bland (C1859-) born in Iowa but living in the Creek Nation, Oklahoma Territory, in the 1900 Census, with a wife Sue A. Bland (C1868 -) and children, Vera L., Era B., Owen W., Hazel M., and John C. Bland Williamson of Tulsa Oklahoma, sends the following information. 32

1850 CENSUS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, PENNSYLVANIA, INDIANA

Introduction:

During 1987-1988, Joyce Bland McCool, Overland Park Kansas, at my request, compiled records of the Bland Family in the United States Census for 1850. Bland families, or Blands, Blanns and Blans, living in other households, appeared in 32 states for this census. In the previous number, (AC 7-1, pp. 32-39), I covered the New England and Northeastern States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey and New York. Most of the families in those states in 1850 represented 19th Century immigrants, which have not been connected to the Major Bland family lines that priginated in the American South in the 17th and 18th centuries.

In this issue, I continue coverage of the Bland family in the 1850 Census with coverage of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Pennsylvania and Indiana. Pennsylvania and particularly Indiana, as everyone knows, have been intensively researched states. Furthering that effort, I will incorporate the insights of Jane Cole Midtby as well as my own, with research that has already been done.

Page	Dwelling/ Family Number	Names	Age/Sex	Occupation	Value	Birth	State
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District of ColumbiaThird Ward

153	121	Blan, H.	25/M				*
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*(This man was enumerated as a "ROUSHIN", (Russian?) in the household of B. Gsoth, also born possibly in Russia).

Sixth Ward

67	314/322	Bland, William H.	41/M	Moulder	\$600.		D.C.
		Margaret A.	31/F				D.C.
		Jane M.	11/F				D.C.
		Mary E.	9/F				D.C.
		Anna V.	3/F				D.C.
		Charles W.	6/12/M				D.C.

(This family was enumerated in the household of James Berry, age 66, a blacksmith, born in Missouri.