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Dear Cousins,

As a lead off to this issue, I want to make a plea for some understanding and also ask for your help.

Several weeks ago, I had a phone conversation with a correspondent with whom I always enjoy talking. In the course of the conversation, I asked her about an old correspondent who, several years ago, simply stopped writing and remained silent to several inquiries about the reasons why. My friend, who knows the person, said that it was because she came from an allied name, a Bland through matrilineal descent. I had never developed the

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matrilineal line beyond the point where it first intersected with a Bland paternal line. My friend went on to say that there were many descendants who felt the same way, that over the years I had given preferential treatment to Blands by name, without recognizing that many of my correspondents who descend from matrilineal lines are just as proud of their Bland descent, which seldom goes noticed.

This reminds me of the two worlds I live in. Much as I love genealogy, its paternalism seems quaint in a modern society that is rightly affirming the essential human equality of both sexes. Nevertheless, when I write genealogy, I must confront a central reality: "Among Cousins" is a Bland Newsletter. When there is a special significance in a maternal name, which must be decided subjectively, I have discussed it and carried it forward at least for one or two generations. Usually, however, I am compelled to halt a maternal line at the point where it joins with a Bland male line. The example is shown below with Mary Bland, (1783-1856) who was a daughter of Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson of Winchester, Frederick County Virginia. In the summary below, (p. 10), I have listed Mary's marriage to Jonah Baldwin and the names of their children. If I traced the lines of descent for each of their children, even if it were known, down to the turn of the Twentieth Century and repeated that process for each matrilineal line, it would become an impossible process. So we are left with the information that Mary was the daughter of Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson. That is the point of contact with the Bland family that any researcher would look for in tracking the children of Mary Bland and Jonah Baldwin. If someone inquired about their line, having discovered a Bland connection, this is where it would be, and this is where I could be of most help. With all the good will in the world, I cannot do more. It is beyond my capacity in terms of time and energy. As an example, in the next Newsletter (Volume 10-1), I plan to trace the descendants of Thomas Bland of Pendleton County Virginia. My guess is that it will entail some 25-35 pages, if the male lines are documented. Edith Lanning, the principle historian of this branch of the family, has sent me a book which does trace all likes, male and female, as far as possible and her book is 311 pp., plus index. This should provide some idea of the impossibility of the task. I am always grateful for contributions from anyone, and feel saddened when people stop writing, particularly when it is done in anger and most particularly when the correspondents refuses to tell me why and leaves me wondering what I did wrong.

I have begun to sense, maybe intuitively, that interest in "Among Cousins" is beginning to ebb. The volume of new information seems to have peaked. Although the Newsletter has added an enormous amount of information to what we knew before, we are still struggling with some of the same genealogical issues that vexed us when "Among Cousins" began nine years ago. During the past two or three years, the number of new correspondents with more than a passing curiosity about the family seems to have diminished.

I would like to see the Newsletter continue into the 1990s, perhaps ending as a first series in 1993 or 1994, at which time I will begin re-writing the Book. If the Newsletter resumed after the books projected publication date of 1995, it would be a second series.

I am soliciting any thoughtful ideas you may have about how to take new approaches in content, format and layout, advertising and publicity, anything that could be of appeal to a new generation of Bland researchers as well as the faithful who presently subscribe. I would be glad to hear from any of you who have ideas to share with me.

A Bland Family Quilt

At the 1988 National Reunion in Pittsboro North Carolina, Phyllis Michael of Bristol Virginia offered the suggestion that we begin a Bland Family Quilt that could be passed along to Reunion Sponsors or sold as part of a fund raising endeavor or given as a prize in a research contest. It is one of my faults that I tend to let things like this drop by the wayside. I think it is a wonderful idea that I would like to revive. "What a memory for a child," Phyllis wrote, "sleeping under a family quilt." I am not certain how logistics would work. Either the quilt in progress would be shipped from place to place for additions, or perhaps more safely for the quilt, kept at one location, where one quilt maker would take responsibility for sewing patches received. Patches presumably would be identified by donor, with perhaps names and family lines represented stitched in. If this is of interest to anyone, please write to me or to Phyllis Michael, 434 Huron Road, Bristol Virginia, 24201. Maybe we can make it a reality.

The Seventh National Bland Reunion

I am pleased to announce that the Seventh National Bland Reunion will be held at North Vernon Indiana, August 9-11, 1991. The Reunion this year will be co-sponsored by David and Lois Taylor of Shelbyville Indiana, Earl and Mary Bland and Glenn and Mary Ella Day of North Vernon Indiana. Reunion headquarters will be at the Day's Inn, Seymour Indiana (812-522-3678).

The Reunion is dedicated to Captain James Bland (1773-1832) and his wife Jane Johnston (C1780-1868) who migrated from Randolph County NC to the Clark and Jefferson County areas Indiana, between 1799 and 1814. They are the ancestors of the reunion sponsors. I hope everyone understands that this dedication follows past practices at National Reunion and in no way excludes any one who is Bland or descended from Bland by whatever means, or even if you'd just like to attend. All are welcome.

We hope to see you August 9-11. The Reunion proper will begin the morning of August 10, but for those of you who arrive the night before, we will have fun and fellowship on August 9 at the

Ponderosa Steak House in Seymour and at the conference room provided by Days Inn.

If you have not received an invitation or would like further information, please feel free to write or call one of the following:

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Bland Family Organization

One of the major items to be discussed and perhaps decided at the 1991 National Reunion will be the shape of a Bland Family Organization. I received a proposed set of By-Laws from Bob Bland of Deland Florida, one of the members of the ad-hoc committee appointed last summer to develop by-laws for presentation at the 1991 Reunion. I developed my own proposals, building on Bob's ideas and revising them somewhat, and circulated them to the ad-hoc committee on May 1, 1991. On June 18, I received Bob's critique of my proposed by-laws, which are helpful because he is much more familiar than I with the traps and pitfalls that befall the unwary in these matters. I am enclosing Bob's comments in this mailing of the Newsletter.

The National Reunion in 1992

I find myself in an unusual position. For the past several years by this date, I know where the next National Reunion will be, but not this year.

I would welcome any volunteers to conduct the 1992 National Reunion. In past years we have alternated between East Coast States in Even Number Years (Virginia 1986, 1990 and North Carolina 1988) and Mid-West States in Odd Years (Kentucky 1985, Indiana 1987, 1991 and Mississippi, 1991). Under normal circumstances, 1992 would call for an East Coast state, but if no offers are forthcoming, another site would do.

Ideally, but the ideal should not exclude other ideas, we have held the reunion in small towns where some major family of Blands has begun or developed. The small town has been accessible to air

and other transportation routes and highways connecting it with a big city. The Reunion is not effortless, but after seven years there is shared experience and advice from which the sponsor may draw, the burdens are not enormous and the rewards are great.

Again, if you would like to take on this work for 1992, please contact me:

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Library Placements

I am grateful to Carroll Kem Shackelford, Woodberry Forest Virginia who has placed a second copy of A Vision of Unity at the Virginia State Library, Richmond Virginia.

If you have a favorite library into which you would like to place a copy of the book, or would like it placed at a strategic research location around the country, please let me know. Gifts to libraries are tax deductible.

Transition

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. (Phyllis) Michael, of Bristol Virginia, announce the marriage of their daughter Melissa Katherine Michael to Juan Jose Roberto Martinez (Family name Viellele) on November 5, 1990. This couple now resides in Monterrey Mexico.

Carolyn Miller of Vicksburg Mississippi notified me of the death of Nonnie Modener Bland Bush, the last surviving child of Allen J. Bland and Mary Ellen Langston (discussed below pp. 30-31) on April 28, 1991.

Dorothea Elizabeth Kennedy Gilbreath (1917-1990)

In the last issue I noted the death of Dorothea Gilbert on October 29, 1990. Dorothea's daughter Susan Gilbert Stanley sent me the following brief biography: Dorothea was descended from the Blands of Washington County Kentucky, through Elizabeth Bland Tetley, daughter of Staughton Edward Bland (1807-1842) and Margaret Parks Nall (1814-1849). Dorothea was Born July 31, 1917 at Flat River Missouri. She was a beautician for 55 years of her life and had written and published several small articles on the profession. Her mother was Mabel Alice Green Kennedy, and her great grandmother was Elizabeth Bland Tetley. Dorothea married Bennie Gilbreath on August 19, 1939 and had two daughters, Susan and Nancy Gilbreath Harmon. Dorothea was an avid genealogist of the Bland family, an enthusiasm that rubbed off onto her daughter Susan, who plans to continue Dorothea's genealogical work.

Reuben Reuben I Been Thinking

Here is an interesting item for a search by some local person who could get access to back records of The Norfolk Virginian Pilot, (Hint! Hint!). Reuben Bland, who was born in 1856 and still living in 1921 when an article about him appeared in The Literary Digest,¹ He was written up for the first time in the Norfolk Virginia Pilot, about 1920.

Reuben was married twice and between his two wives, had 34 children, twenty four of whom were still living when the stories appeared. The Literary Digest article gives no clue to Reuben's genealogy. If anyone knows, I'd like to have it.

It is said that one couple, after reading the article about Reuben and his children, had this conversation:

Man: There's a man who ought to have a medal.

Woman: There's a man who ought to be hung.

Another man wrote that when his wife, herself a mother of eight children, found one of them praying for 34 little brothers to play with, "my wife had a narrow escape from apoplexy when she heard them. She's a great believer in prayer and she cried almost half the night.. . My wife won't hardly speak to me, though goodness knows what I've done."

Then of course there is that old favorite song with a new feminist twist: "Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking, what a grand world this would be, if the men were all transported far beyond the northern seas."

THE BLAND FAMILY OF FREDERICK COUNTY VIRGINIA

This is one of the seven major and distinct family groups that have emerged during the past ten years, which has never been definitively linked to one of the two major Bland families and has been written about in the Newsletter inter-alia, but never synthesized. This will be the second such effort to bring together all the diverse writings about such families.

This line begins, I believe, with Joseph Bland, whose dates are (C1752-1812/1820). While previously and even now some researchers begin this line with a man named Richard Bland, I have argued that no such person ever existed, simply because there has been no concrete historical or genealogical evidence to document his existence.² Tradition has it that Joseph Bland was a Tory

¹ The Literary Digest, (February 12, 1921), p. 44.

² See VU, p. 396. The belief that Richard was the founder of this family rests on two letters, George Clark to Ernestine Lewis, November 16, 1933, and Donald F. Black to Robert Linn Bland, Parkersburg West Virginia, November 18, 1947. Ernestine Lewis is

during the revolution, even that he sustained a knee wound at the Battle of Yorktown. A letter from Joseph's great grand daughter, Blanchie Bland, in 1927, suggested a somewhat more complicated picture, that Joseph was an American sympathizer who was forced to serve in the colonies after he drafted into the British Army. As soon as he could, he defected to General Washington's Army. In 1936, George W. Bland of Clarksburg West Virginia, one of the major historians of the family, rendered a different story, that Joseph wanted to go back to England with the defeated British Army, but was unable to do so because of his wounded knee. In other ways, Blanchie and George Bland's stories converge, but George Bland, even though he asserts that Joseph was the son of Richard Bland of Prince William County Virginia, adds "This Richard has not been identified."³ As a probable Tory, Joseph might have fled to Frederick County, settling in Winchester, in the early 1780's. His apparent marriage to Susan Bailey Johnson about 1782, would point to his discharge or departure from military service in 1781, after the Battle of York Town. Joseph's place of settlement has led me

now Ernestine L. Schwing of Aurora Colorado. A false lead is J. Estelle Stewart King Abstracts of Wills, Inventories, and Administrations Accounts of Frederick County Virginia (1961), p. 10. King's published work showed a Hugh Parrell naming two sons John and Joseph Bland in 1748. On May 28, 1991, enroute to Buffalo New York with my son Tommy, I stopped at the Virginia State Library and read Parrell's actual will, only to find that the two sons named were John and Joseph Parrell. Subsequent to publication of my book in 1982, when information about this family was scant, further information and detail has been supplied by Mrs. Schwing's daughter Sandra Kirk of San Jose California; Marcia F. Benson of Morgantown West Virginia; Neil W. Bland of Lumberport West Virginia; William O. Bland of New Martinsville West Virginia; Margie V. Garey of Takoma Park Maryland; Josephine Bland Holden of Las Cruces New Mexico; Patricia Johnston of Wayne Michigan; Louis H. Martin of Martinez California; Phyllis Michael of Bristol Virginia; Mrs. Bland (Fay) Osborn, Wilmington Delaware; Evelyn Porter, Redding California; Mary Jane Sine of Louisville Kentucky. It is the research of these Cousins who makes consolidation of all this material possible. In 1985 I spoke to Frank Bland of Lawndale California and his sister Vivian Bland Hansen of Las Vegas Nevada, children of Lorenzo Vernetta Bland, who wrote a complete book about this family. Both expressed interest in the work, but I never received information from them. Whether this purported book would shed light on the origins of the family remains a mystery.

³ VU. pp. 396-397. Blanchie Bland to Webster Glenn Bland, October 26, 1927. Both letters are printed in AC 7-1, p. 15. See also the account of Mrs. Bland Osborn, AC 8-1, pp.8-9

to suggest that he is a son of Thomas Bland (C1719-1788) of Faquier County Virginia. Another Bland, who is documented to have traveled to Winchester County about 1792 en route to Weston, was Thomas Bland (1765-1792), whose sad story of reckoning has been previously told. Briefly, while tarrying with some relatives at Winchester, Thomas developed a burning fever and doused himself with ice water, whereupon he died. Thomas, with his wife Sarah Byrne Bland and sons John Buckner Bland and Samuel Bland, was enroute to the home of his wife's brother in law in Monongalia Glades Virginia. Thomas' widow returned to her father in Prince William County, Virginia, where she gave birth to a third son, Thomas Bland (1793-1867). After Thomas' birth, Sarah returned to the Monongalia area where she married Jacob Zinn, whose family had long lived in the area. Later, they migrated to the Weston, Lewis County, Virginia area, where Thomas Bland (C1793-1867) became one of the founders of the town. ⁴ Thomas' older brother John Buckner Bland, (1787-1868), though he died in Louisville Kentucky, worked as a copper and silver smith in Morgantown. The close proximity of Lewis County Harrison, Monongalia, Marian and Wetzel counties, and its derivation from Harrison, it is difficult to disbelieve some connection. ⁵ Joseph married Susan Bailey, a widow of _____ Johnson,

⁴ VU pp. 373-375. A similar story is told by Neil Bland of Lumberport West Virginia (Neil Bland to Charles L. Bland, May 18, 1991). It has to do with the settlement of Bridgeport, West Virginia by the Johnson family in 1800. Family tradition has it that Mrs. Johnson, a Revolutionary War Widow, and her children, set out from New York State in 1799 headed west. They stayed the winter in Winchester Virginia with a Bland family. The following spring, both families, Bland and Johnson, set out west, separating near the Pennsylvania Border, with the Blands going further west and the Johnsons settling at Bridgeport. Mrs. Bland Osborn of Wilmington Delaware, in concert with George Linn Bland of Weston West Virginia, has attempted without success to prove this connection between her own line, the Osborns of Harrison-Monongalia Counties and the Blands of Lewis County West Virginia, "although they have called themselves 'cousin' for several generations." (Letter to Charles L. Bland, June 26, 1991.

⁵ Urilla Moore Bland, Additional Collections for the Ancient Family of Bland, (1986), pp. 54-55.

about 1782.⁶ Until at least 1798, Joseph and Susan lived in Winchester, thence moving to Blackville in what is present day Monongalia West Virginia.⁷ Susan Bailey Johnson died in 1798. In 1802, Joseph married Eleanor Benton (Born before 1775 -) who appears in the Monongalia records as late as 1830.⁸ There is a

⁶ A Susannah Bailey, in Hopewell, Frederick County, witnessed a marriage between William Adams and Lydia Malin, July 18, 1771. If she is our Susannah, it would place her birth year at about 1750, suggesting a somewhat older age for Joseph. This would also suggest that Susannah was a Quaker. Source: Joint Committee of Hopewell Friends, Hopewell Friends History: 1734-1934, Frederick County Virginia (1975), p. 254.

⁷ In a compilation sent to me by Sandra Schwing Kirk and her mother Ernestine Lewis Schwing, January 18, 1989, Joseph appears in the records of Winchester, Frederick County between 1787-1798. He appears in the Monongalia between 1805-1812. Joseph acquired 400 acres on Dunker's Creek, evidently at a place called Kellum's Run or Fork, on May 28, 1805. On May 20, 1809, Joseph recorded ownership of 200 acres at Kellum's Fork and on December 20-21, 1812, recorded 425 acres of land. Along with Eleanor Bland's appearance as head of household in the 1820 census, this gives rise to the opinion that Joseph died between 1812/1820. Marcia Frum Benson, in a letter to Isabel Willetts, January 17, 1986, questioned whether Joseph was in Frederick County Virginia or Maryland. The father of Mrs. Benson, s great, great, great grandfather Samuel Samson Frum, (who married Catherine Bland, Joseph Bland's daughter), was from Frederick County Maryland. Mrs. Bland Osborn calls attention to Joseph Bland Sr. and Jr. appearing in a 1776 census for Maryland, and they reappear in the 1790 census as heads of family in Caroline County Maryland, Letter to Charles L. Bland, June 26, 1991. The fact that Joseph Jr. persists into 1810 in Caroline County Maryland, would seem to disprove any identity confusion with Joseph Bland (C1752-1812/20). Just for the record, the LDS records show a Gilbert Bland marrying Mary Ayton, at Frederick County Maryland, June 8, 1778. (M504.181, Input Source 975.287/F1 V26W V.1 0883763).

⁸ The 1820 Census for Monongalia County 26144, Pt. 14, shows Eleanor Bland, over 45 with seven males and 4 females at home. Sims Index to West Virginia Land Grants Shows Eleanor in Monongalia County with 58 acres of land on a place called Kellums Run. She evidently sold this land on May 22, 1830. (840,576 Grantor's Deeds, Monongalia County West Virginia, Vol 10, p. 508) Isabel Willetts believes this might have marked her departure for Green County Pennsylvania to live with her step-son Thomas Bland. In 1830, Eleanor is listed in Monongalia County as head of a household, aged 50-60, with one male 20-30 (John Bland); One Female 10-15 and I female 15-20 (Young Eleanor Bland).

daughter named Eleanor by this latter marriage, who may have married Vincent Glover on April 8, 1841 in Harrison County. Also, a son John was born of this second marriage.⁹ Eleanor must have been a good step-mother to Joseph's children for we see his children naming their own children such names as Eleanor and Benton Bland. Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson had the following family:¹⁰

1. Mary Bland (August 19, 1783 - October 16, 1856). Mary died in Fayette City Ohio. She married Jonah Baldwin, (C1773-1850) on March 17, 1803 in Greene County Pennsylvania. They had eight children, Hannah, John, Margaret, Jackomeyer, Joseph, Susannah and Nancy. This family was in Monongalia County Virginia in 1810 and by 1830 were enumerated in Blacksville.¹¹

2. Catherine Bland (1785/6-1872)¹² Catherine was born either at Winchester, Frederick County Virginia (which corresponds to what we know about Joseph's location at the time of her birth) or at Weston, then in Monongalia County, Virginia (Weston is the county

⁹ John's name appears in the records of George W. Bland (1866-1941). If he was 20-30 years old in 1830, thus born no earlier than 1800, he would have to be the son of Joseph Bland and Eleanor Benton.

¹⁰ Mrs. Bland Osborn has suggested that we accept that all children of Joseph and Susan were born at Winchester in Frederick County Virginia. That makes sense since the children were born between 1783-1798, which corresponds to Susan's death and they time she and Joseph lived in Winchester.

¹¹ See Discussion, AC 4-2, p. 8. Research by George W. Bland, (1866-1941) a noted historian of this family, indicates that Mary Bland married Henry Church. George W. Bland was descendant of Richard Bland (1787-1876) and their lives overlapped. George might have been able to talk with the old man about recollections of his past life. I rely upon information supplied to me by Patricia Johnston of Wayne Michigan in a letter dated June 13, 1986.

¹² Per Mrs. Bland Osborn, letter, June 9, 1986, Catherine Bland and her husband Samuel Sampson Frum, appear on the census of Monongalia County Virginia in 1850, as aged 64 years. Catherine is listed as 75 in 1860. She died at Morgantown, Monongalia County West Virginia in 1872, shown on a fiduciary order January 20, 1872, Mrs. Osborn to Charles L. Bland, June 26, 1991.

seat of Lewis, derived from Harrison, which is in turn derived from Monongalia county).¹³ Catherine married Samuel Sampson Frum about 1809.¹⁴ Their children were daughters Viann (Ancestor of Mrs. Bland Osborn), Christina, and Levina, a twin of George, and other sons Josephus, William and Samuel.

3. Richard Bland (April 25, 1787- July 4, 1876).¹⁵ In 1812, Richard married Mary Jobes (January 25, 1795 - January 21, 1851), daughter of William Jobes.¹⁶ On January 27, 1859, Richard married Sarah Harper (1813-) but there were no children by this second marriage. Until at least 1820, when they were enumerated in the census, Richard Bland and Mary Jobes lived in Monongalia County. The Jobes family lived near Blackville on the north side of the Pennsylvania line. Richard was said to be a large, physically powerful man, attested perhaps by his longevity. He was a Democrat but he voted for William Henry Harrison for President, because, it is said, they were second cousins. Richard and Mary had a family of six children:

A. William Jobes Bland, (August 10, 1813 - February 25, 1881). William was born near Blackville, in Monongalia County and died at

¹³ One correspondent, Marcia Benson Frum, indicates that Catherine Bland was born in 1792 in Berkeley County, derived in 1786 from Frederick.

¹⁴ The first child of Samuel Sampson Frum and Catherine Bland was Samson Bland Frum (C1822-) who married Elinor Neff. They were the great, great, great grandparents of my correspondent Marcia Benson Frum.

¹⁵ Richard's birth year has often been given as 1789. I have pushed it back to 1787 for two reasons: (1) the birth year of his brother Thomas is 1789 and they cannot be twins. (2) The 1850 census shows Richard born in 1787, for he is 63 in that year. See discussion AC 4-1, p. 21, AC 5-2, p. 11 and discussion below, p. Note. Also cf Isabel Willetts to Charles L. Bland, December 13, 1985. Information supplied by Evelyn Porter, August 5, 1988, indicates that A DAR application by Russell Bland Cincinnati shows Richard was born at Rockingham County Virginia. Dates of Richard's death are variously given as 1876 and 1883 with dates of April 15, July 4 and September 15. Richard had a son Richard J. (Possibly Johnson) Jr. Could it be then that he was Richard Johnson Bland.

¹⁶ It should be noted that Mary's brother was named John Minor Jobes. There is only one case that I know of when a Bland was named Minor, that of Minor Bland (C1818-1879) son of Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz, AC 4-1, 6-11.

"meat house fork" near present day Blandville in Doddridge County Virginia. After 1836, William and his family lived at Doddridge County Virginia. William married first, about 1833, Sarah Jane Stiles (June 18, 1812 - February 18, 1850) and had by her a family of nine children:¹⁷

(1) Drusilla Bland, (August 5, 1834 - December 9, 1913) who married Samuel Todd Sherwood, (1828-1900) a gun smith. They had five children.

(2) John G. Bland, (April 5, 1836 - September 4, 1910). John was born near Blackville and died at Blandville. John married Elizabeth M. Cowan (May 19, 1842 - July 25, 1903). John and Elizabeth had seven children, two of whom died as infants. The remaining five were: (a) Arthur Cowan Bland (October 16, 1863 - February 17, 1945) who married Julia Ellen Sutton, (June 5, 1873 - June 8, 1963). Arthur and Julia had four children, including Edna Bland, who was the mother of Ernestine Lewis, who married Mack Schwing and grandmother of Sandra Schwing Kirk.¹⁸; (b) George William Bland, (December 31, 1866 - June 13, 1941), the family historian and a lawyer, who served as State Senator from Doddridge County. On April 14, 1895, George married Lucia Lenore Charter (February 28, 1873 - September 3, 1957). George and Lucia had four children, previously noted. George died in Rochester Minnesota.¹⁹; (c) Mary C. Bland, (August 24, 1869 - December 19, 1960) married D.B. Janes. Mary died at Portsmouth Ohio; (d) Joanna Bland (October 14, 1871 - September 5, 1890); (e) Robert Bland (March 1, 1878 - November 1, 1964) who in October 1905 married Bertha White, (1880-1957) at Logan West Virginia.

(3) Priscilla Bland (C1838-)²⁰

(4) Ruhama or Reuhama Bland, (1840 - April, 1910) who married _____ Hickman. (Question: Where did this name come from?)

¹⁷ A story told by Evelyn Porter has it that when the nine sons of William Jobs Bland, by his two wives, got together, they would get on a scale and weighed in at a ton, meaning I suppose that on average, each weighed more than 200 pounds, big guys.

¹⁸ AC 5-2, p. 11. Photographs of Arthur Cowan Bland and his family appear on the picture pages of AC 5-2.

¹⁹ See discussion about George W. Bland, AC 5-2, pp. 11-12.

²⁰ Cf AC 7-1, p. 16. This information was supplied by Evelyn Porter of Redding California. It makes sense, plugging a long hiatus between 1836-1842 in a normally prolific child producing couple.

(5) Mary Bland, (1841 or 1842-1931) who married U.D. McClain, (1836-1898) on January 2, 1862.

(6) Simon Bland, (July 14, 1845 - January 21, 1913) who married Clara Greathouse, (December 19, 1852 - February 2, 1930). Clara's father was born in Germany. Their only child was a daughter Blanch Bland (- 1934), who married George Griswold.

(7) Ann Bland, who married _____ Burton.

(8) Sarah Jane Bland, (December 11, 1847 - January 14, 1902) who married Thomas E. Holliday or Halliday.

(9) Richard C. Bland, ((December 22, 1848 - August 23, 1926) who married Perdilla Ann Lowther, (October 5, 1846 - July 21, 1917) on January 28, 1867. Their children were: (a) Harvey L. Bland (August 1, 1867 - March 29, 1896); (b) Sarah E. Bland (May 18, 1869 - 1947); (c) Clarence T. Bland, (June 9, 1871 - June 12, 1911), who married Maggie Romine Bland, widow of his half-uncle Lloyd Bland (see 13 below); (d) William S. Bland (June 8, 1873 -); (e) Silas H. Bland (November 10, 1875 -); (f) Okey Bland (August 17, 1877 -); (g) Iva Bland (September 18, 1879 -) who married Boyd Coplin; (h) Myrtle Bland (August 4, 1881 -); (i) Delia Bland (June 28, 1883 - 1885); (j) Mollie Bland (1885-1885); (k) Clay J. Bland (October 13, 1887 -); (l) Clyde Bland (April 30, 1889 - November 9, 1967); (m) Ray Bland (1892-1892).

These were the children of William J. Bland by his first wife Sarah Stiles. On March 3, 1852, William married Druscilla Lowther, (C1828 -) by whom he had six more children:

(10) Silas Wesley Bland (November 28, 1852 -) who married Sarah Wilson. They had five children: (a) Cora; (b) Annie; (c) Odell; (d) Etta; and (e) Gertrude.

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

(12) Charles L. Bland (May 11, 1857 - December 30, 1932) who married Nettie Priest, by whom he had two daughters: (a) Nellie Bland ; and (b) Sally Bland.

(13) Floyd Bland (May 18, 1859 - February 21, 1911). When his father died in 1881, Floyd went to McDonough County Illinois, where he met his future wife Malinda Belle Rorer (- 1912), whom he

married in Norton Kansas in 1885. Floyd was a minister and he and his wife worked the land. Their children were: (a) Harry Grady Bland (1887-1963), who married Clara May White (1890-1972) on January 8, 1908. They died in Santa Ana California.²¹; (b) Helen Ruth Bland; (c) Webster Glenn Bland.

(14) Lloyd Bland (February 13, 1861 - March 15, 1896) who married Margaret Romine on July 10, 1887, (See above, 9C). They had four children: (a) Cliff Bland (1889-); (b) Gale Lloyd Bland (December 12, 1891 - March 20, 1970), who married Georgia Savilla Martin (1895-1982). Gale and Georgia were the parents of correspondent Neil Bland. (c) Dora Bland and (d) Mamie Bland (1897-) who married Clyde Ford.

(15) Lot Bland (December 10, 1864 - February 25, 1932). Lot married Etta Romine. Their children were (a) Stewart; (b) Goldie; (c) Loshia and (d) Roy.

B. Alicy or Elsa Bland (December 31, 1818 - May 18, 1900) was the second child of Richard Bland and Mary Jobes. She was born in Blackville and married Abraham Noble on March 17, 1839. They had four children.

C. Joseph Bland (July 14, 1821 -). Joseph was born near Blacksville Virginia. He married Cassandra _____ and lived in Wetzel County Virginia until 1850, when he is said to have gone west. Children of the marriage between Joseph and Cassandra were:

(1) Thornton Bland (1843-).

(2) Rachel Bland (1845-).

(3) Mary Bland (1849-).

D. Richard J. Bland Jr. (March 4 or 9, 1824 - November 26, 1896). Richard was born near Blackville and died of tuberculosis in Blandville in Doddridge County. He married Mary Jane Starkey (October 6, 1828 - December 20 or 26, 1891) in Tyler County, November 6, 1845. A gap in child births between 1861-1865, suggests that Richard served in the Civil War. Children of Richard J. Bland and Mary Jane Starkey were:

(1) Alsind (Per the 1850 Census) or Alaina Bland (1847-1885), who married Edgar M. Davisson and had two children by him. Josephine Holden calls her interchangeably, Alcinda or Aliza M Bland and dates her birth year as 1857.

²¹ Harry and Clara are the parents of my correspondent Evelyn Porter.

(2) Sanford Bland (1850-1923) who married Eliza Ann Childers (September 27, 1852 -) and had by her five children: (a) Hyre Bland (September 27, 1872 -); (b) Homer Bland; (c) Wallis or Walter Bland; (d) Roy Bland; (e) Lora Bland (October 8, 1876 - January 30, 1912). Lora died of tuberculosis.

(3) Benton C. Bland (July 14, 1852 - April 9, 1895), was born at Meat House Fork, Doddridge County Virginia. Benton married Hattie Maxwell but had no children by her. Neil Bland believes Benton married, second, Nellie Oliver (1858-1895) of Kentucky, by whom he had two children: (a) Charles Edwin Bland (1883 - 1888) and (b) Clay Bland, (1885 - 1896). Both of these sons died young. Benton C. Bland is said to have died of tuberculosis.

(4) Charter L. Bland (July 14, 1854 - January 8, 1859) died of diphtheria.

(5) William T. Bland (C1856 -).

(6) Melvina Bland (March 22, 1859 -) married Sherman Greathouse.

(7) Mary Bland, (c1861 -) who married George L. Swentzel.

(8) Levi Judson Bland (February 6, 1865 - December 6, 1909) who married on February 24, 1892 at Cokeley, Ritchie county West Virginia, Laura Alice Cowan (November 20, 1864 - April 6, 1935) by whom he had four children: (a) Dovener H. Bland (September 9, 1893 - May 19, 1966), married Velma Ruth Biggs (June 28, 1898 - February 1, 1987) on June 23, 1917²²; (b) Lisa or Icy Jane Bland (February 7, 1895 - July 21, 1939); (c) an infant unnamed child who was born and died May 2-3, 1896; (d) Fred Alexander Bland, (August 8, 1897 - December 18, 1968) who married Mae Dewey Pierce; (e) Anna Marguerite Bland (February 7, 1899 - January 19, 1929). (f) Rosa Anna or Alice Bland (1901-1904).

(9) James G. or L. Bland (December 8, 1867 - February 26, 1904). James died of tuberculosis.

(10) Rachel Alice Bland (May 22, 1870 - September 13, 1887).

(11) Nellie Bland, (April 18, 1876 -) who married Edward L. Lowther.

(12) John Bland, who died in his teens.

²² My thanks to Josephine Bland Holden of Las Cruces New Mexico, daughter of Dovener Hadden Bland and Velma Ruth Biggs, for this information about Levi Judson Bland's line.

(13) Lizia Bland.

In a correspondence with me in 1988, Evelyn Porter listed a Jackson Bland as a son of Richard J. Bland Jr. and Mary Jane Starkey. Though this is not confirmed, there was in Wetzel County in the 1880 and 1900 censuses Andrew Jackson Bland (C1856 -), who was married to Emily _____ (C1858 -) with children: (a) Sidney A. Bland (C1880 -); (b) Susan E. Bland (C1883 -); (c) John T. Bland (C1886 -); (d) Mary S. Bland (C1888 -); (e) Rebecca A. Bland (C1890 -) (f & g) Grover Bland and Ruthy Bland (C1893 -) possibly twins.

E. Mary Ann Bland (May 18, 1827 - C1858?). Mary Ann married William H. Matheney.²³

F. Perdilla Bland (February 15, 1835 -) was born near Blackville. Perdilla married John Nelson Bee and had children by him. They moved away to Georgia.

G. Malinda Bland (October 3, 1836 - January 5, 1871) was born near Blackville and died in Harrison County Virginia. Malinda married William H. Matheney or Metheney on December 14, 1859 and they had five children.

4. Thomas Bland (October 13, 1789 - February 22, 1874).²⁴ Thomas was born in Winchester, Frederick County Virginia. Thomas was a carpenter and farmer by trade. He served in the War of 1812, between May 7, 1814 and August 13, 1814, under Captain J. Hurvey's Company. He married Elizabeth McCullough (August 10, 1796 - September 1, 1853) in 1812. Both Thomas and Elizabeth were born in Virginia, and lived there until at least 1821 when they were enumerated in the 1820 census for Monongalia County. Later, Thomas

²³ Mary Ann Bland had a sister Malinda, who married William H. Matheney December 14, 1859, see below, par. . This could suggest that Mary Ann died about 1858 and that Matheney married her sister the following year.

²⁴ Isabel Willetts sent me a photo of Thomas' tombstone, which reads "Died Feb. 22, 1874, aged 84 yrs., 4 mo., 9 ds." Thus by extrapolation, Thomas was born October 13, 1789. Thomas is buried at Center Township, Presley Baptist Church Cemetery, south of Waynesburg Pa.

and Elizabeth moved to Wayne, Greene County in the far southwest corner of Pennsylvania.²⁵ They had a family of thirteen or fourteen children,²⁶ including:

A. Mary Bland (1813-). Mary married George J. "Gova" Wade about 1835.

B. Susan Bland (July 19, 1816 - February 28, 1905). Susan married John D. Cooper in Mason County Virginia in February 1850. She lived in Leon, Mason County and died there.

C. Delilah Bland (1817 - 1887) Delilah married John Ralley Sine or Syne or "Sinds" (1810-1895). Delilah is buried at Oak Forest Pennsylvania. Delilah "Sinds" aged 32, is shown in the 1850 census, living with her brother Joseph in Greene County Indiana.

D. Amelia Bland (C December 1819 - September 21, 1862) Amelia died in Appanoose County, Iowa. She married John Haney about 1839.²⁷

E. John L. Bland (September 10, 1822 - February 11, 1861) died in Appanoose County Iowa. John L. Bland married Louisa Campbell (1836 -) on September 27, 1854. Names of their children are not certain.

F. Martha Bland (C1823 -) married Alva Garrison about 1842 and died at Wood County Virginia.

G. Joseph Bland (October 19, 1824 - October 7, 1906). Joseph was born in Green County Pennsylvania and died in Plano, a small town west of Centerville in Appanoose County, Iowa.²⁸ According to one

²⁵ Thomas and Elizabeth were enumerated in the Monongalia County Census for 1820. On January 29, 1821, the Monongalia Court fined Thomas \$30. Thomas bought land in Greene County Pennsylvania in 1831, and appeared in that county in the 1830 Census. Thus he moved from Monongalia Virginia between 1821-1830.

²⁶ See Note 32. John Bland p. 19 H below.

²⁷ Amelia was the ancestral grandparent of my correspondent Isabel Willetts of Denver Colorado.

²⁸ Much of the information about Joseph was provided by Janie Snawder of Watts Oklahoma in 1983, including a biography of Joseph that appeared in The History of Appanoose and Monroe Counties Iowa (1903). Joseph, as well as at least two of his siblings, Elizabeth Bland (1827-) and Thomas Bland (1828-1893) settled in Appanoose County.

source,²⁹ Joseph lived in Pennsylvania until 1844, when he moved to Ohio and from there to Missouri and back to Pennsylvania, where he married Elsie Jane or "Allcey" Church (August 29, 1825 - June 26, 1909), January 21, 1847. Joseph and Elsie moved to Appanoose County in 1853 and remained there for the rest of their lives. Joseph served in the Iowa Home Guards during the Civil War. After working as a farmer and owner of a hardware store, Joseph retired to Plano, a small town west of Centerville Iowa, about 1883. Joseph and Elsie had the following children:

(1) Louisa M. Bland (C1847 -). This is an hypothesis. Appanoose County Iowa records show a marriage between Louisa and George W. Swinford on November 19, 1864. Given the gap between the married of Joseph and Elsie (January 1847) and the birth of Nancy (2 below) in December 1848, I would suggest that Louisa was a first daughter of Joseph and Elsie.

(2) Nancy Bland, (December 15, 1848 -) who married Martin Davidson on September 1, 1866 in Appanoose County Iowa. Some records show Nancy born in 1851 but she is shown as aged 2 in the 1850 census.

(3) Thomas Benton Bland (1849-1880). Benton died of congestion of the brain. The 1850 Census shows him in the family of Joseph Bland and Elsie church, aged 1 year. The Appanoose County records show he died of brain congestion at age "13 yrs. 6 mo." I believe the coroner transposed 31 to 13.

(4) Elizabeth Bland (C1852 -) who married William, Reynolds in Appanoose County July 17, 1870.³⁰

(5) Mary Bland, who died young.

(6) Henry Bland (February 1856-living in 1900), who married Maria _____ (June 1861 -). Their children were (a) Clyde, (November, 1884-). Clyde married Emma Conn³¹; (b) John (September, 1886-). John married Florence Seals (1898-) on

²⁹ The Biographical and Genealogical History of Appanoose and Monroe Counties, Iowa, (1903), cf AC 2-1, p. 9.

³⁰ This is an hypothesis, based on the appearance of this marriage in Marriage Records from the Appanoose County Iowa Courthouse. The marriage took place "at J. Bland's".

³¹ Death Records of Appanoose County, Iowa Courthouse, shows Clyde Bland and Emma Conn as parents of an infant Georgina Bland who died in 1913.

January 29, 1915, at Plano Iowa; (c) Nancy (September, 1891-) Nancy married Daniel Babbitt (1877-) at Plano Iowa on March 8, 1914; and (d) Clara (October, 1899).

(7) Sarah Bland. Sarah married Len L. Anderson on June 4, 1882.

(8) Minerva Bland (1860-), who married Robert Morlan on October 1, 1882.

(9) Amelia Bland, who died young.

(10) John G. Bland (January 1866-) who married (1) Fannie E. Best on February 26, 1888 and (2) Lucy A. Walker, (June, 1861-) on October 16, 1890. They lived in Appanoose County in 1900 with (a) Eda (July, 1891 -); (b) Betina (September, 1892 -); (c) Paul (August, 1896 -); (d) John (July, 1899 -).

(11) Ada Bland (1870-) married Matthew Larson in Plano Iowa on February 22, 1888.

(12) Charles Bland died as an infant.

H. John L. Bland (C1826 -) who married Louisa Campbell in Appanoose County September 27, 1854. ³²

³² In Davis County, parent of Appanoose County, there resided at the time of the 1900 census, Edward E. Bland (January 1872 -), born in Iowa, who had married Ida J. Stites, (March 1869 -) born in Iowa also, on August 15, 1894. Their children were: (a) Emily G. Bland (December 1894 -); (b) Syntha F. Bland (June 1895 -); (c) Birt Bland (October 1898 -); and (d) Lester L. Bland (October 1899 -). Edward's sister Ruth (C1867 -) married Edward Morrow on November 24, 1889. Edward and Ruth had an older brother William Bland, who had married Margaret Henderson, and were parents of Ella L. Bland (1901 -), who married James Fay Seals (1900-). William, Edward and Ruth Bland were the children of James G. Bland and Emily Perry. Finally, John L. Bland, (C1826 -) married Louisa Campbell, (C1836 -) on September 27, 1854. B.M. Bland, (C1855 -) married Florence Dunn (C1861 -) on November 9, 1881. This creates the possibility that John L. Bland was a brother of Joseph Bland (1824-1896) and other children of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth McCullough who migrated to Appanoose County. If so, it would mean that Thomas and Elizabeth had fourteen children. John could plausibly be the father of James Bland (C1845 -) and B.M. Bland (C1855 -).

There seems no way to determine the parentage of Edwin Bland (C1883-1930) who died at Numa Iowa January 18, 1930, and Catherine Bland, who died at age uncertain May 31, 1890. These two deaths

I. Elizabeth Bland, (September 22, 1827 - March 12, 1907) married John Hixenbaugh of West Virginia, October 5, 1851, and had eight children. Elizabeth and John died in Appanoose County Iowa.

J. Thomas Bland (1828- December 13, 1893). Thomas was born in Greene County Pennsylvania and later moved to Courtland, Republic County Kansas. Thomas Bland married Mary Hennen (November 18, 1835 - December 31, 1908) about 1853. Thomas and Mary lived at Appanoose County Iowa. Children of this marriage:

(1) Sarah Ellen Bland (December 12, 1854 - March 3, 1910). Sarah moved to Ohio in her early childhood, and about 1870 moved to Iowa and in 1883 to Republic County Kansas. She married Robert Whitney or Whiteley, in Republic County Kansas, March 1, 1886.

(2) Elizabeth Bland (February 5, 1859 - January 13, 1907) who married Amos Burke of Courtland Kansas, March 11, 1906. Elizabeth died at Fairbury Nebraska, but was buried at Courtland.

(3) Harriet Lutecia Bland (June 5, 1860 - May 1931). Harriet married Samuel Gibbons Sheeks (1860-1936) on October 26, 1882 at Centerville in Appanoose County, Iowa. Afterward the family moved to Montana, where they are buried. Samuel Sheeks and Harriet L. Bland are the great grandparents of the late Lois Anne Sheeks Rowe Cramer, through their daughter Ollie Belle Sheeks (1889-1959). and Ralph McClelland Sheeks (1912-1984) who carried Ollie Belle Sheeks maiden name. ³³ I am happy to display a photo of Samuel Gibbons Sheeks and Harriet Lutecia Bland below:

also noted in the Appanoose County Courthouse records.

³³ A photo of Harriet Lutecia Bland Sheeks appears in AC 3-2, p. 29, courtesy of Lois Cramer.



Samuel Gibbons Sheeks (1860-1936) and
Harriet Lutecia Bland (1860-1931)
Courtesy Lois Cramer

(4) Allen Bland (C1861 - before 1908). Allen married Mattie Lippert in Union Township, Appanoose County, Iowa, March 2, 1887. Obituaries of Mary Henne Bland, indicate that when she died in 1908, she had eight children, four sons and four daughters, six of whom survived her. Dorothy Hennen in Hennen's Choice (1970) p. 67, confirmed four daughters and three sons and listed an eighth child, no name, gender or age. Allen would be the fourth son of Thomas Bland and Mary Hennen and would have died prior to his mother's death in 1908. This is my personal hypothesis which should be affirmed or refuted by further research.

(5) William Alexander Bland (August 28, 1862 to January 3, 1933). William moved with his parents to Ohio and later was a farmer in Courtland Kansas. He married Alice McCrossan, April 24, 1890. William and Alice were evidently unable to bear children, but adopted two daughters: Helena Bland in January 3, 1900, who married _____ Haney, and Ruth Bland, September 18, 1914 who married _____ Cowan.

(6) George Mack Bland (February 2, 1867 - November 13, 1935). George married but his wife's name or whether there were children is not known. He died at Columbus in Stillwater County, Montana, where he had lived about forty years.

(7) John E. Bland, dates uncertain, of Billings Montana, married Mary Anna Harried. Both are buried at Galt California. They had three children: (a) Mary or Myrtle Louise Bland; (b) John E. Bland, Jr.; (c) Alexander Bland.

34 (8) Lucy Bland, who married Edd Marty and lived in California.

K. Catherine "Kate" Bland (C1830 -) died in Greene County, Pennsylvania. Catherine is shown in the 1850 census as aged 20 and "idiotic".

L. Cynthia Bland (C1833 -) married John Six Jr. about 1853. She died in Ritchie County Virginia.

M. Sarah Bland (1835 -) married John Shutwell.

N. Eleanor Bland (C1837 -) married Nathan Thompson Hemley or Henley.

After this heroic life of childbirth Elizabeth McCullough died in 1853. Thomas married about 1854, Sarah Devall (- October 1904) ³⁵ and by her, had three children:

N. Francis Bland (June 28, 1855 - February 7, 1858).

O. Hugh C. Bland (1859 - 1923). Hugh married Sarah Clark (1862-1904) and they died in Greene County, Pennsylvania. They had four children: (a) Ethel Bland; (b) Bertha Bland; (c) Ray Bland and (d) Edward Bland. Hugh and Sarah are buried at the Pursley cemetery in Center Township, Green County Pa.

P. William W. Bland (- 1922)

Thus Thomas, by his two wives, had either 16 or 17 children. It staggers one to realize that he only achieved half the prolific stature of Reuben Bland discussed above (P. 6).

³⁴ A photo of the four daughters of Thomas Bland and Mary Hennen: Elizabeth Bland Burke; Lucy Bland Marty; Sarah Ellen Bland Whitley; Harriet Lutecia Bland Sheeks, courtesy of the late Lois Cramer appears in AC 4-1, p. 23.

³⁵ According to Isabel M. Willetts of Denver Colorado, Thomas married Sarah Devall, a widow of John Carrell.

5. David Bland (July 25, 1792 - December 25, 1874) David, was born at Winchester in Frederick County Virginia but as an adult, moved Richland County Ohio, where all their children were born. David and Elizabeth Church, his wife, moved back to Wetzel County and died there. Bland to Wetzel County Virginia. David married Elizabeth Church (February 23, 1793 - after 1870) ³⁶ and they had the following children:

A. George W. Bland (April 7, 1818 to June 10, 1869) who married Matilda Cook (C1824 -) about 1842. Their children were:

(1) Ruth Bland (C1843 -). ³⁷

(2) George Garrison Bland (C1844 -). George married Mary _____, (C1850-). In 1870 there was what seemed like a hodge-podge of relations in their household: (a) Oliver Bland (C1852-); (b) Rachel Bland (C1854-); (c) Thomas Bland (C1856 -); (d) Virginia Bland (C1858 -); (e) Sanford Bland (C1861-); (f) Irene Bland (C1864 -). Parents of these various children are uncertain, except for Oliver. It is doubtful that any, excepting possibly Irene, could be children of George Garrison Bland and his wife.

(3) David Bland (C1846 - living in 1910). This an hypothesis to attempt to locate logically David Bland, who appears in the 1870, 1880 and 1910 census records for Wetzel County West Virginia. Logic compels one to believe that he was named for his grandfather and would have to be an older son of either George W. Bland (1818-1869) or Samuel Bland (C1826-1873). A Middle brother Joseph Bland married a woman who was born in 1832 and even for the standards of the 19th Century frontier would have been too young to bear a child at age 14. Mary Dulaney (C1827-after 1880) would have been a mother of two children by age 18 if she were David's mother. Hence, I believe David properly belongs in the family of George W. Bland and Matilda Cook. Another possibility is that David was an interloper who came to Wetzel County during the 1860s and got married to Cynthia _____ (C1849 -) about 1869-1870. David and Cynthia had the following children: (a) Elizabeth Bland (C1870 -); (b) Charles F. Bland (C1872 -). Charles Married Flora M. _____ (C1884-) about 1906 and had two children, Wilbert E. Bland and Harold E. Bland. (c) Roseanne W. Bland (C1874-);

³⁶ Although 1793-1857 are the accepted dates for Elizabeth Church, she is found living in the home of Henry Bland and Margaret Hixenbaugh (B (1) below) in the 1870 census. She does not appear in 1880.

³⁷ A Ruth Bland, age 17, appears in the 1860 census as a domestic servant of Isaac Smith in Wetzel County. It is possible that she was the eldest daughter of George Bland and Matilda Cook.

(d) George F. Bland (1876 -); (e) James W. Bland (C1878-); (f) Florence Bland (C1879-); (g) Oscar Bland (C1886-); and (h) Elias Bland (C1891-).

(2) Josephus Bland (C1847 -).

(3) Elizabeth Bland (C1848 -).

(4) Jerusha Bland (C1849 -).

(5) Richard M. Bland (C1850 -).

(6) Thomas Jefferson Bland (February 2, 1855 - died before 1900) who married Sarah Jane Helmick (C1857 -).³⁸ Children of this marriage were (a) Edward Bland, (March 22, 1880 -); (b) Frank or Francis Bland (C1885 -); (c) George Bland; (d) Alice Bland (C1889 -); (e) Pearl Bland (C1891 -) (f) Jane Bland (C1892 -); (g) Margaret Bland; (h) Richard Bland.

(7) Amy Virginia Bland (1858 -).

B. Joseph (C1824 -), Was born in Plymouth, Richland County Ohio. He married Rebecca Dulaney (C1832- still living in 1910),³⁹ about 1847. Joseph and Rebecca lived in Wetzel County. Their children, all born in Wetzel County, were:

(1) Henry Bland (1848-) born in Wetzel County Virginia, married Margaret Hixenbaugh (C1851 -). Their children were (a) Rebecca Bland (C1871 -); (b) Elizabeth Bland (C1873 -); (c) Emma Bland (C1874 -); (d) Joseph Bland (C1876 -); (e) Ellsworth Bland (C1878 -).

(2) Samuel Bland (July 7, 1851 - May 12, 1919). In the 1880 Census for Wetzel County, Samuel was living with his brother Andrew Jackson Bland. Samuel married Celestia Francis Carpenter (C1858 -), December 25, 1880. Samuel and Celestia had sons: (a) Joseph (C1882-); (b) John (C1888-); (c) Albert (C1891); and (d) Elmer (C1893-).

³⁸ This note appears in George W. Bland's genealogy, supplied by Neil Bland. The only other instance I know of a marriage between a Bland and Helmick, occurred within the Rockingham County Virginia Family between James L. Bland (1845-1917) and Elizabeth Helmick (1851-1941).

³⁹ Rebecca appears in the Census of 1910 for Wetzel County, living in the home of her grandson Selvy Bland.

(3) John Thomas Bland (February 20, 1852 to July 31, 1933) was born in New Martinsville, Wetzel County, as were all of Joseph Bland and Rebecca Church's family thereafter. John Thomas Bland married Susan Amanda Laflin (March 8, 1853 - January 12, 1933) on December 24, 1871. Both John Thomas Bland and Susan Laflin died at Higgins Texas. According to information furnished Vera Bland by Lorenzo Vernetta Bland of Twin Falls Idaho, John Thomas and Susan had the following children: (a) John Morgan Bland; (b) William Henry Bland; (c) Lorenzo Orlando Bland (April 25, 1878 - August 22, 1933). Lorenzo died at Salt Lake City Utah. Evidently he moved to Kansas. He married Ota Flanders (C1882-1955) on October 3, 1898. Their son was Lorenzo Vernetta Bland, (June 5, 1903 -); and (D) George Thomas Bland, all born in New Martinsville in Wetzel County Virginia/West Virginia.

(4) George Bland (C1855 -)

(5) Andrew Jackson Bland (1856 - living in 1900), married Emma Davis, (C1858-) on October 16, 1876. Their children were (a) Siney A. Bland (C1880 -); ; (b) John T. Bland (C 1882 or 1886 -) who married Lizzie _____ (C1882-) about 1904. In 1910, this couple had Edna M. Bland, Roy Bland and William Bland. (c) Susan E. Bland (C1883-); (d) Rebecca A. Bland (c1890 -); (e) Mary F. Bland (C 1888); (f & g) Grover and Ruthy Bland, possibly twins born in 1893.

(6) Nancy A. Bland (1858 -) married Henry Balvantz, December 25, 1877.

(7) Jemima Bland (1860 -) married David Wade.

(8) Selvy Bland (1864 -) married Adeline Martin, February 13, 1888. Selvy married Adaline (C1864-) and had by her: (a) Rossie Bland (C1886-); (b) John R. Bland (C1890-); (c) Joseph E. Bland, (C1892-); (d) Selina R. Bland (C1894-).

(9) Elizabeth Bland (1866 -) married August Hartwig, or W. S. Bamer July 23, 1885.

(10) Hannah G. Bland (C1870 -)

(11) Mark or Marcus Bland (October 11, 1871 -) married Sue or Zora Morgan.

C. Samuel Bland (C1826 - August 12, 1873) was born in Richland County Ohio and died at Bland's Run in Wetzel County Virginia (Then Tyler). About 1845, Samuel Married Mary Dulaney (C1827-living 1880) and had by her the following children:

(1) Hannah Bland, (C1846-1915) married John Asher or Ashbee, January 4, 1864

(2) Elizabeth Bland (C1847-1889) married Thomas Adams.

(3) John Bland (C1850-1859).

(4) Oliver L. Bland, (April 16, 1851 to June 30, 1911).⁴⁰ Oliver lived and died in Wetzel County Virginia/West Virginia. He married Amanda Archer (April 22, 1852- June 30, 1926) about 1871 and had by her a family of 14 or 15 children:

(a) Mary Catherine Bland (July 5, 1870 - July 10, 1889);

(b) Arminta Bell Bland (January 22, 1872 - August 7, 1918). Arminta married Josephus Fair; (c) Carolina Edna or Lina Bland (August 5, 1874 to February 27, 1956) Carolina married Benjamin Bartrug on June 8, 1898; (d) Lydia Bland (1876 - 1898) married Sylvester Myers; (e) Nora Leena Bland (September 19, 1877 - May 9, 1943). Nora married Curtis John Poulton on December 5 1894; (f) Elizabeth Bland (November 9, 1879 - April 4, 1905). Elizabeth married Joseph Carpenter; (g) Jerry Osborne Bland (March 9, 1880 - 1940). Jerry Osborne Bland married first Celina Cumberledge and second, Violet Goddard.; (h) John Bland (June 9, 1882 to February 4, 1934) married Elizabeth Rikkenbaugh or Rikkenbach on January 1, 1903; (i) Franklin Bland (January 30, 1884 to December 3, 1972) married Alma Mulinex; (j) Sena Bland (June 5, 1885 to December 3, 1950) married Anthony Day; (k) Lockwood Bland (July 13, 1888 to 1922) married Loraline Yager; (l) Flora Edna Bland (1889 -) died in infancy; (m) Gratta Bland (February 2, 1890 -) married Raymond Hollen April 16, 1913; (n) Eva Bland (January 28, 1892 to October 21, 1966 married Edward Johnston April 8, 1911; (o) Verna Virginia Bland (March 12, 1894 - 1919) married Harry Lawrence.

(5) Rebecca Bland (September 20, 1854 to April 16, 1933) married Edward McIntire Larrimore in 1870 and they had a family of nine children.

(6) Joseph A. Bland (March 6, 1856 to 1923) married Mary Arn.

(7) Harriet Bland (1858-1935) married Wade Cross.⁴¹

⁴⁰ A photograph of Oliver L. Bland, courtesy of Margie Garey, appears in AC 3-1, p. 12.

⁴¹ Ken Hill of New Martinsville West Virginia calls Harriet Bland's husband Cephus Wade, commonly called Cess Wade. Most of the information about Samuel Bland and Mary Dulaney and especially their son Oliver L. Bland (1851-1911) was supplied by Marge Garey of Takoma Park Maryland.

D. Hannah Bland (July 15, 1827 -). Hannah married John Cross.

E. John Bland, (C1828-), married Rebecca Core (C1822-). Rebecca was born in Monongalia County Virginia/West Virginia. ⁴²

F. Susie Bland, no dates. Susie may have married ____ Cooper. ⁴³

G. Martha Bland (1837-).

H. William Bland (1839-1913). According to Ken Hill, William served in the Union Army, Company K, 14th West Virginia, but his service records were not found in the National Archives.

I. Henry H. Bland (April 15, 1841 to May 6, 1907). Henry was born at Richland Ohio and died at Howard, Oklahoma but was buried at Grantsville, West Virginia. According to Lorenzo Vernetta Bland, he married Perie Ann Renner (December 9, 1850 - October 18, 1915) on December 31, 1865 at Greene County Pennsylvania. Henry enlisted in the Union Army, Company K, Second West Virginia Regiment October 14, 1861 and was discharged November 28, 1864. His military papers describe him as 5'10", black eyes, dark hair, dark complexion. Henry Bland and Perie Anne Renner had a family of eight children:

- (1) Martha Jane Bland (1866-).
- (2) Susan A. Bland (1868-).
- (3) Mary Elizabeth Bland (1869-).
- (4) Harvey Bland (1872-).
- (5) Clara or Clarinda Bland (1873-).
- (6) Andrew Jackson Bland (1876- died before 1880).
- (7) Virginia Bell Bland (1877-).
- (8) James T. Bland (C1880 -).

⁴² John may be the John Bland (C1825 -) who appears in the 1860 Census for Wetzel County, married to Susan (C1830 -) with sons Henry (C1844 -) and Samuel (C1848 -). If so his marriage to Rebecca Core must have been brief and before 1843 or a later marriage.

⁴³ Susan Bland, daughter of Thomas Bland and Elizabeth McCullough, also married a Cooper. Page Par above.

(9) Rachel Bland (June 10, 1881 - April 26, 1923). Rachel was born near Gransville West Virginia and died near Jacksonburg West Virginia. Rachel married O. Homer Taylor, (1865-1933) on June 15, 1903. They lived at Jacksonburg and had three children.

J. Richard M. Bland (C1842 -) who married Lydia Maine (C1848-) about 1871. Richard and Lydia had the following children:

(1) Mary M. Bland (C1872 -).

(2) Lyddia B. Bland (C1874 -).

(3) Priscilla Bland, (C1877 -).

(4) Drusilla Bland, (C1877 -). probably a twin of Priscilla.

(5) Elizabeth Bland (C1879-).

There is no clear way to locate a place for James Bland (C1857 -) who appears in the 1880 Wetzel County Census, married to Sarah _____ with children Mary (C1878 -) and Samuel (C1880 -).

6. Elizabeth Bland Elizabeth married Peter Tenent.

7. Sarah Bland mentioned by George W. Bland (1866-1941), married Alexander Timmats.

This concludes discussion of the known family of Joseph Bland and Susan Bailey Johnson. Any criticisms of the above are welcome and will be discussed in future issues of the Newsletter.

OTHER LINES

The Blands of King and Queen County Virginia

Irene Newton of Fredericksburg Virginia writes to clarify what a previous riddle in this family, (AC 9-1, pp. 18 and 34). Mrs. Newton writes that Roston or Royston Didlake (1795-1853) married Catherine Ann Pearce (C1798-1867). Their daughter Delilah Didlake (C1821 - December 4, 1876) married Zachariah Bland about 1840. This information would suggest that Sarah Bland, daughter of Thomas Bland, married John and not Royston Didlake. This leaves unclear the parentage of Zachariah Bland. ⁴⁴

⁴⁴ M. Irene Newton to Charles L. Bland, May 1, 1991.

The Blands of Randolph County North Carolina and Indiana

Hazel Kirtley of Sarasota Florida has sent new information about a family descending from Noah Bland ((June 1, 1816 - February 14, 1897/98) a farmer who was born in Indiana and died at Sharpsville, Tipton County Indiana. I can only find one previous record of this man, an oblique reference to him living near and perhaps a brother of Moses Bland (C1819-1873, cf. VU pp. 361-365 and AC 3-2, pp. 39-40). ⁴⁵ Noah Bland married first, Susannah Hand (March 13, 1819 - January 22, 1866) on September 7, 1837 in Shelby, Ripley County. They moved to Sharpsville after 1844. The children of Noah Bland and Susannah Hand were:

1. Calvin L. Bland (April 24, 1839 - June 18, 1860).
2. Nancy E. Bland (June 1, 1841 - January 29, 1904).
3. John E. Bland (August 3, 1843 - November 1, 1861). John was killed while serving in the Union Army, Company C, 26th Indiana Volunteers.
4. Mary Ann Bland (April 11, 1849 - September 4, 1857).

⁴⁵ Noah Bland appears in the 1850 Census of Ripley County, derived from Jefferson county and near Jennings County, both of which have associations with the family of Randolph County North Carolina. Noah and his family appear on the same census page (344) and in adjacent dwellings (318 and 319) with Uriah Bland (C1826-) a farmer married to Sarah A. _____ (C1827-) and children Sarah E. Bland (C1847-) and Francis H. Bland (C1849 -). Noah's parents remain uncertain. One possibility is Abel Bland (C1787-1863), a son of Old Moses Bland (C1718-1800) of Randolph County N.C. Abel's household in Jackson County Indiana, in 1820, included two sons under ten and one son age 10-16. These would appear to be Benjamin Bland (C1810-1859); Preston Bland (1818-1895) and John Wesley Bland (C1820-). If John Wesley had not been born at the time of the census there would be room for Noah Bland (1816-1898). Mrs. Kirtley has also provided information about the family of John Needham, who was born in North Carolina died at Jennings County Indiana, married to Nancy Ann Bland (C1775-1855), whose daughter Martha (C1808-1895), married Moses Bland (C1819-1873) (VU pp. 361-365). Although this Bland-Needham connection was previously documented I had not realized that John Needham and Nancy Bland ended up in Sharpsville, Tipton County Indiana. Nancy was the daughter of old Moses Bland of Randolph County North Carolina.

Secondly, Noah Bland married on April 2, 1868, Elizabeth Marshall Franklin (March 28, 1830 - April 11, 1919). Elizabeth was born in Greenbrier County Virginia, a daughter of Jasper Franklin and Sarah Caldwell. Children of this second marriage were:

5. Frances Eleanor Bland (February 21, 1869 - June 2, 1961). Eleanor married Lewis Austin Kirtley (1865 - 1954) March 6, 1891. They were the parents of Ottis Franklin Kirtley (1894-1983) and grandparents of William Franklin Kirtley who married Hazel Moody, my correspondent. In addition, there were three other children. I am pleased to display a photo of Lewis Kirtley and Frances Eleanor Bland below.

6. Olive Bland (August 29, 1871 - August 7, 1950). Olive married Thomas Broyles (- 1929) in 1896. There were four children in this marriage.

7. Lucy Bland (January 28, 1873 - August 8, 1963). Lucy married Oliver P. Nash. There were three children in this marriage.



Lewis Kirtley (1865-1954) and
Frances Eleanor Bland (1869-1961)
Courtesy of Hazel Kirtley

The Blands of Duplin County North Carolina and Mississippi

Carolyn Miller of Vicksburg Mississippi, whom I met first at the 1989 Bland reunion and who descends from Joseph Henry Bland (C1785-1862), who was born in Duplin County North Carolina and died in Perry County Alabama, has written a genealogy of the family line of James Oakley Bland (C1819/20 - 1867), a son of Joseph Henry Bland and Mary Ann Ray (1793-1850).⁴⁶

James Oakley Bland married Elizabeth Smith (C1837-) on September 12, 1852 while he was living in Alabama and then migrated to Webster County Mississippi about 1860 (AC 3-1, pp. 16-20, esp. p. 19). The children of James Oakley Bland and Elizabeth Smith were:

1. Annie E. Bland (C1858 -).
2. Mary J. Bland (C1859 -).
3. James Bland (C1860 -).
4. Allen Jackson Bland (October 10, 1862 - November 2, 1907). Allen married Mary Ellen Langston (August 13, 1864 - 1937/38) in Webster County Mississippi on July 5, 1883. Allen died in Sunflower County but was returned to Cumberland in Webster County for burial. Their children were:⁴⁷
 - A. Tiny Osborne Bland (June 10, 1884 -). Tiny, his real name, and many Bland descendants from Kentucky will marvel at his middle name and its migratory power, married Olear Smith on October 11, 1904.
 - B. Mary Liza Narcissus Bethany Bland (1888 - 1889).

⁴⁶ Carolyn Miller attributes much of her research to the memory and information provided by Nonnie Modener Bush of Batesville Mississippi. There are persistent stories among members of this line that Joseph Henry Bland came to the United States from Ireland, even though the Perry County Alabama Census for 1850, shows that Joseph was born in North Carolina. I remained persuaded by the fairly well documented work of Albert Hunter (AC 2-1, p. 6) that Joseph Henry Bland was the son of Joseph Bland (C1754-1800) of Duplin County North Carolina.

⁴⁷ Information about this family comes from the Family Bible of Allen J. Bland and Mary Ellen Langston. Names were entered in the bible as initials, supplemented by full names provided by Carolyn Miller.

C. Audie Thomas Bland (August 30, 1891 - October 24, 1905). While logging with his big brother Tiny, Audie Thomas Bland was killed when a tree fell on him.

D. William Diffy Bland (November 11, 1893 -). William married Alva Burchfield September 21, 1924.

E. Jessie Lee Bland (May 8, 1896 -). Jessie Lee married Hugh Dennon Nail on January 7, 1912.

F. James Oley Bland (September 14, 1899 -). James Oley married Ollie Jane "Janie" Yates on January 4, 1920.

G. Nonnie Modener Bland (January 31, 1903 -). Nonnie married Homer Bush on April 19, 1919.

I am Happy to display photos of Allen Jacskon Bland and Mary Ellen Langston:



Allen Jackson Bland (1862-1907) and
Mary Ellen Langston (1864-1937/38)
courtesy Carolyn Miller

5. Rutherford Bland (C1866 -).

6. Joseph R. Bland (C1867 -).

The California Blands of Washington County Kentucky and California

Helen Pearson of Sacramento sent further information about the family of Emma Josephine Bland, which happily ties her ancestor to the further back Blands of Washington County Kentucky. Emma Josephine's movements suggest she belonged to a larger family that was settled in Shasta and Yolo Counties California.

The key to linking these Shasta-Yolo County California Blands with the Washington County Kentucky family lies with James Milton Bland (C1842-1902) who was born in Washington County Kentucky, almost surely the son of Milton Bland and Almira Kenley (AC 2-2, pp. 27-28), provides a clue to this family. As a California resident, James consistently gave his birth year as 1855. James lived in Madison and Married Alwilda Howard, (C1868 -) on September 2, 1885. It should be noted that prior to his move to California, he was married to Gabriella Susan Barker (C1846-1869) who gave him three children, a daughter Sarah Nancy Bland (1866-1947) and twins James Emmette and Louella Bland (1869 -). My hunch is that Gabriella died after giving birth to the twins and that James Milton Bland, tormented or relieved, lit out for California. Alternately, he might have deserted his Kentucky family. James later lived in East Cottonwood in Shasta County but Alwilda Howard Bland by 1905 owned property in Woodland California. Several other Blands within an age range to be siblings or cousins of James Milton Bland were: A. Martha Bland (C1824-1895) who died near Madison, a little town near Woodland in Yolo County.

B. Jaspar Bland (C1838 -) was born in Kentucky and was a farmer in Buckeye, Shasta County. An H. J. Bland (possibly Jaspar) was a Methodist preacher who served in and around Yolo California between 1859-1861. He was married to A.L. _____ and they had a daughter Mary Bland (December 7, 1860 -). C. William Lee Bland (C1825/1840-) said to be born in Missouri, who married Julia Etta _____ (C1830/1842-) born in Iowa. One of Julia's relatives reported that she lived to be 103 years old.⁴⁸ William and Julia may have been dead by 1880, when their 13 year old daughter Anna (below) was found in the household of Frank and Emma Pearson. William Lee Bland and Julia Etta _____ appear to have had five children:

1. Emma Josephine Bland (C1861-June 2, 1928), who married Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Pearson January 24, 1879 in Shasta County California. Emma had seven children by Frank Pearson, but she divorced him some time between 1895 and 1902. Secondly, Emma married on January 28, 1902, Dennis J. McCarthy of Cottonwood

⁴⁸ This new parentage would seem to discard the speculation noted in the last issue (AC 9-1, p. 43) that Emma Josephine Bland was the daughter of Floyd Bland.

California, by whom she must have had one child. According to Mrs. Pearson, "they parted company" before 1920 and Emma moved to Woodland, Yolo County California. Emma formed a friendship with _____ and might have married Frank Prasso and on February 26, 1920, Prasso made out his will bequeathing his estate to Emma. As it happened, Emma and Prasso were killed in a fatal car accident May 31, 1928. Prasso was killed instantly and Emma died two days later.

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2. Anna Bland (C1867-).

3. Charles M. (Milton) Bland (C1870-1963). Charles married Carrie _____ some time before 1896. Charles and Carrie were in the cattle business and maintained separate herds. As Mrs. Pearson puts it, "there were many brisk discussions between these two people as to who was rustling whose cattle at round-up times." Charles and Carrie had five children: Floyd, Gussie, Chrissy, Carl A. Bland (1906-living in 1991); and Millie.

4. George R. Bland (C1872-1874). George was listed as 24 in the Great Register of Shasta County California for 1896-1898. George married, and had two children: Alfaretta Bland (November 30, 1897 - October 8, 1990) who married _____ Boswell, and Charles Milton Bland who is still living.

5. William Bland. William married and had four children, a daughter and three sons, one called Vernie.

The Blands of Garrard County Kentucky

During the past spring, I made an interesting acquaintance with Robert W. Cauble of Charlotte North Carolina and had an opportunity to visit him at his home on May 27, 1991. Bob has a fascinating personal story, now held in abeyance. For the present, Bob's own research into his family line has shed new light on the family of Charles Bland (1765-1842) and his first wife Phyllis Pope, whom Charles followed to Garrard County Kentucky and married January 17, 1791. (VU pp. 407-415 and AC 4-2, pp. 24-26). Their first child was Thomas Bland (December 10, 1791 - July 18, 1844/45), who married Elizabeth Duncan on November 27, 1819. Mr. Cauble has provided previously unknown information about Thomas and Elizabeth's son John Davis Bland (C1832 - July 31, 1887), who was

⁴⁹ In some reminiscences to Helen Pearson, Carl A. Bland, a son of Charles M. Bland, noted some relationship to Silver Dick Bland "when he (silver Dick) was over there in Nevada in the silver mining business!" Carl also indicated Emma might have been a half-sister, perhaps to his father, which would suggest that there was a first and second marriage by William Lee Bland.

born and died in Shelby County Kentucky and married December 29, 1864, Matilda Jane Rodgers (December 25, 1844 - August 10, 1916). John Davis Bland and Matilda Rodgers had the following children:

1. Edward Thomas Bland (June 2, 1867 - November 21, 1942) was born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky and died at Bellville Illinois.
2. William Squire Bland (October 8, 1869 - October 7, 1944), born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky, who on July 9, 1896, married Georgia Ann Conn (July 19, 1875 - January 31, 1949). Their children were (a) Martha Eugene Bland (January 24, 1897 -) who married Pryor Marshall; (b) Nancy Virginia Bland (September 16, 1899 -) who married Thomas Alfonso Wheatley; (c) Baby Bland, born and died April 22, 1902; (d) Nelson Duncan Bland (March 16, 1903 - December 27, 1969) and he married Evelyn Hope Lasbrook on October 21, 1925. This story is to be continued; (e) an unnamed child.
3. Samuel Pope Bland (October 8, 1872 - 1966) was born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky. His wife was Dora D. Conn (C1871/72 -).
4. Willis Leland Bland (June 18, 1874 - 1949) born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky, married Amanda _____ (C1887 -) about 1908.
5. Geoffrey Anderson Bland (March 2, 1876 - September 8, 1938) born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky.
6. Eva Becky Bland (October 2, 1878 -) born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky.
7. Curtis Lewis Bland (February 28, 1881 - February 27, 1970) born at Bagdad, Shelby County Kentucky.
8. Anna Beatrice Bland, (September 28, 1884 -).

I am grateful to Bob Cauble for this new information.

The Blands of Edgefield County South Carolina, Louisiana and Texas

There is a story about this family that I would like to pose to the descendants before the next issue. It concerns the line of Payton Bland (C1780-1815) born in Virginia, lived in Edgefield County South Carolina and moved to Vermillion Parish Louisiana where he died. Several points:

1. There is a story that Payton was enroute to the Battle of New Orleans when he became sick and had to go home and when he got home he died. Is this accurate? Does anyone have an accurate date of Payton's death?

2. Payton's widow, Elizabeth Smith, subsequently married Joseph Dickerson, who must have been dead by 1816, because she married Robert Johnson on January 18, 1817. Does anyone know when Elizabeth married Dickerson and when he died?

3. There is a story that Robert Johnson was unwilling to keep the two sons of Payton Bland and Elizabeth Smith, John Bland (1811-1886) and Peyton Bland (1815-1872) demanded that they be placed out. Both boys were indentured in 1823. Who can straighten me out about Johnson's behavior?

4. Did Elizabeth Smith Bland and Robert Johnson migrate to Texas in 1834, with the two boys and the daughter Caroline Bland (1813-1888) and her family? If not, who migrated and exactly how did it happen.

5. I invite descendants of this line read my summaries in AC 1-1, pp. 10-13 and AC 6-1, pp. 24-30 and offer any comments that seem relevant.

The Blands of Shelby County Tennessee

There is a curious pattern of settlement in this county with at least two lines apparently living there and perhaps intermingled, though nothing seems to link them together further back in time that the early to mid 19th Century. First, there are a group of Blands from Pitt County North Carolina, where sons of Theophilus Bland (C1770-1830/40) and his wife Sarah Joiner, Levin, John, Theophilus, Hiland or Hyland and William Bland all moved their families to Shelby County Tennessee about 1840, (AC 2-1, pp. 22-24 and 3-2, pp. 40-42).

The second line has emerged thanks to the research efforts of Francis H. Bland of Paragould Arkansas, who traces his family to Jesse Bland of Amherst County Virginia, born about 1775, who married Sally Newman on May 11, 1801. Jesse and Sally had five proven children: John, Charles, Solomon, Cornelius, Jesse and William and a daughter Eleanor (AC 7-1, pp. 17-19; cf AC 4-1, pp. 26-27; 5-2, pp. 18-22 and 7-2, p. 17).

Neta Davis of Broken Arrow Oklahoma, has submitted information about Daniel Bland, a son of Cornelius Bland, who appeared in the Shelby County Tennessee census for 1840, aged 30-40 (C1800/10-) with a wife aged 30-40, three sons (one under 5; two 10-15) and two daughters (one under 5; one 5-10).⁵⁰

⁵⁰ Cf AC 5-2, pp. 21-22 and letter, Neta Davis to Charles L. Bland April 27, 1991. An older Cornelius Bland was in the 1830 Census for Fayette County Tennessee aged 40-50. If there is any relationship therein, it would be that the older Cornelius was a brother of Jesse (C1775-).

One of these sons of Cornelius Bland was Daniel M. Bland (C1826⁵¹ - June 3, 1905). Daniel, born in Shelby County Tennessee, married Lucinda Peel there in 1853. Previous four children of Daniel M. Bland and Lucinda Peel were named: 1. M. E. or Emmy Bland (C1854-); 2. Virginia Elizabeth Bland, (C1856-); 3. Charles W. Bland (1860-1905); 4. Franklin Addison Bland (C1863-1931). Neta Davis adds 5. Lewis Calvin Bland (March 1, 1867 -). Lewis Calvin married Eliza Jane Graham and they had children Louise Bland who Neta Davis' mother, Grover C. Bland and Daniel Sebron Bland; and 6. Virginia Bland (C1870 -) born in Shelby County Tennessee. Neta Davis says all these siblings died in Oklahoma.

Daniel Bland (C1826-1905) had a brother Addison Bland (C1827-). The Elizabeth Bland who married John W. Jones November 16, 1847 might well have been a sister.

I am grateful to Neta Davis for this new information.

This concludes Volume Nine, Number Two, of **AMONG COUSINS**. I hope you enjoyed it.

⁵¹ I suggest a date of at least 1826 for Daniel, since Mrs. Davis shows that he was surety for the marriage of an Elizabeth Bland and John W. Jones on November 16, 1847. This transaction would suggest to me also that Cornelius Bland was dead by then and that Daniel was the older brother.