

Bland, who was born in 1809 and died at an unknown date after 1860, when she is listed in the Greene County census as a 51-year-old weaver, living with her mother and her sister Permelia.

The fifth child of Jacob Bland and Nancy Richardson was Rebecca Bland, who was born April 11, 1813 and died June 10, 1865. Rebecca married Mark Clark on June 18, 1840.¹ The final daughter, and eighth child of Jacob Bland and Nancy Richardson, was Sarah Bland, who married George Wilkie on January 30, 1840.

There were two sons born to Jacob Bland and Nancy Richardson, and for purposes of continuity in the narrative, the youngest, Robert Henry Bland, should be discussed first. Robert Henry was born March 7, 1817 and died September 28, 1869. He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving with the Indiana Volunteers, 43rd Infantry, Company C. Robert Henry Bland married on March 6, 1837,² Chloe Hodges. Chloe was born in Surry County, North Carolina, on August 1, 1816 and died June 17, 1908. Robert Henry and his family are identified in the Greene County census for 1850 and 1860 as farmers, with the older daughters listed as weavers. Robert Henry and Chloe had a family, still intact in 1860, of eight children (fourteenth generation) including:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Born</u>
Rebecca	1838
Sarah E.	1840
Nancy	1842
Mary	1845
Joseph	1846
James	1849
William T.	1852
Zina	1855

¹ Early Marriages of Blands in Greene County, Indiana. Supplied by Albert Hunter.

² Ibid.

Of all these children of Robert Henry Bland and Chloe Hodges, it is known that among the daughters, Sarah Ellen Bland married Marion Bennett on November 8, 1866. Nancy Bland married Charles Wilkie on February 1, 1876. Mary Elizabeth Bland, who was born June 10, 1845, and died in May 1923, married Columbus Jefferson Hunter (1841-1901) on November 1, 1866 in Tulip, Highland Township in Greene County. In the course of their marriage, Columbus Jefferson Hunter and Mary Elizabeth Bland had a family of nine children (fifteenth generation), including a son, Sinclair Hunter (1875-1959), who was the father of a key correspondent for this book, Albert Sinclair Hunter (sixteenth generation), of State College, Pennsylvania, who was born October 21, 1908 in Indiana, and married Mildred Bowers on September 5, 1947.

Among the sons, Joseph Bland, who was born October 8, 1846, married Amanda Shipman on October 8, 1876. Joseph and Amanda had three sons, one of whom was Oscar, born in Greene County, Richland Township on November 21, 1877. Oscar later became a Congressman from Indiana (1917-1923) and in Washington, D.C., became a Judge for the Court of Customs Appeals (1923-1947). Oscar studied at Valparaiso University, took his Classics and Law degree from Indiana University, and began practice in Linton, Greene County in 1901. He was elected to the State Senate of Indiana in 1906. Oscar was a political joiner and community minded man, also with an athletic bent. Oscar loved the wilderness and was a big game hunter. He married Josephine Hanna

on June 18, 1902, and they had a daughter, Helene, who was born in 1903.¹

James Bland (fourteenth generation), second son of Robert Henry Bland and Chloe Hodges, was born probably February 17, 1849,² in Greene County, Indiana, and died in Holton, Kansas, January 21, 1913. James married in 1877 Martha Glover, who was born February 14, 1854 and died October 30, 1925, at Holton, Kansas.

James Bland and Martha Glover had children (fifteenth generation) including a daughter, Wilma Ethel (January 9, 1881-May 15, 1952) who married Philip Stachelbeck, and lived with him in Topeka, Atcheson County, Kansas.

The eldest son of Jacob Bland (twelfth generation) and Nancy Richardson was James Jacob Bland, who was born on September 16, 1815 and died in Greene County, Indiana September 19, 1862. In the 1860 Greene County census, James Jacob Bland was listed as a farmer from North Carolina. He enlisted with his brother, Robert Henry Bland, in the 43rd Indiana Volunteer Army, Company C, on September 9, 1861. Both men were discharged after six months, having contracted a disease, probably dysentery. Robert Henry survived the ordeal; James Jacob

¹ Goodspeeds, cf. p. 336. Biographical Memoirs of Greene County, 3 volumes (Indianapolis: 1908), p. 975. Luella Bland, Brownstown, Indiana, supplied information to Elva Reitz, subsequently supplied to me, that Oscar Bland's father Joseph Bland descended from Nancy Bland, born in 1811, who married a Bland in Indiana (cf. discussion on page 360). This information appears to be erroneous. According to Albert Hunter, Goodspeeds was a paid-for biographical subscription service.

² James is shown as 1 and 11 in the 1850 and 1860 census of Greene County, Indiana. His tombstone inscription indicates that he was born February 17, 1851. How could he have been counted in the 1850 census if he was born in 1851?

did not, and died about six months after his discharge. James Jacob married on May 7, 1841, Martha J. Monk, who was born on October 2, 1823 and died September 8, 1864. James Jacob and Martha Monk had a family of six sons (fourteenth generation), including:

Robert Henry Bland was born in November 1845. He married Sarah E. _____ apparently about 1868. Sarah was born in August 1850. Records available indicate that Robert Henry and Sarah E. Bland moved to Iowa and lived there during the 1870's, then in 1880 were in Osborne County, Delhi Township in Kansas. In the early 1880's, the family moved to Graham County, Moreland Township in Kansas. The children of Robert Henry Bland and Sarah, his wife, were (fifteenth generation): Charles H. Bland, born in Iowa in 1869. (A Charles N. Bland, born in Iowa April 1870, is found in Russell County, Fairview Township in Kansas in 1900. These are approximate ages and could be the same person. This Charles N. Bland was married to Mary A.

_____ born in Michigan, June 1875, and had the following children who would, if the two Charles are the same, be (sixteenth generation): Bina, a daughter born August 1895; Edwin C. Bland, born February 1896; and Robert B. Bland, born October 1898.) Iona Bland, born in Iowa in 1876, Oren or Aren Bland, a son, born in Iowa in July 1879; Dosy Bland (or perhaps Dosha), born March 1884; Forest O. Bland, born December 1885; and Roy L. Bland, born September 1887.

The second son of James Jacob Bland and Martha Monk was Charles Wesley Bland, born in 1848, who appeared in Lincoln Township, Crawford County, Kansas in the 1900 census.¹ Charles Wesley Bland married Emma

¹ The census taker for Crawford County, Kansas, for 1900 enumerated C. W. Bland as having been born in Kentucky.

_____, who was born April 1854, sometime in the 1870's. Emma was enumerated in 1900 as having been born in Iowa, and the birth-places of their children indicated that the family was begun in Iowa, and then moved to Missouri before coming to Kansas in the late 1880's. The children of Charles Wesley and Emma Bland (fifteenth generation) were: John Loss Bland, born October 1878 in Iowa; Eva Bland, born March 1883 in Iowa; Asa Bland, born August 1886 in Missouri; and Ophie Bland, born November 1890 in Kansas.¹

The third son was Fletcher Tivis Bland, born September 1852, and still living in 1900. By 1880, Fletcher was in Osborne County, Delhi Township in Kansas, and was married to his apparently first wife, Lucy _____. They had a single child, a daughter, Lilly (fifteenth generation) born in 1879. By 1900, both Lucy and Lilly were gone, and Fletcher Tivis was married to a woman named Jane _____, born February 1856. There was by Fletcher's second marriage evidently a single surviving son, Chester R. Bland, who was born October 1883.²

The fourth son of James Jacob Bland and Martha Monk was William Gillmore Bland, born in March 1856 in Greene County. By 1880, William Gillmore was married to Rebecca J. _____,³ probably since about 1878. They were living in Madison County, South Township in Iowa, in 1880, but later moved to Warren County, Jefferson Township in Iowa, where they were enumerated in the census of 1900. Their total family

¹ Kansas Census, Osborne County 1880, 1900.

² Fletcher Tivis Bland was the grandfather of Doris Bland Melia, of Dodge City, Kansas, a chief correspondent with Albert Hunter, though not with the author.

³ William Gillmore Bland had a boarder in 1880, aged 23, named Elbert Wheat, who was born in Iowa, as was William's wife, Rebecca.

was intact in 1900, consisting of six children (fifteenth generation) including: Nellie Bland, born November 1879; Hattie Bland, born November 1881; Frederick Bland, born June 1886; Vina Bland, born February 1889; Elizabeth, born July 1891; Lina, born May 1894.¹

The fifth son of James Jacob Bland and Martha Monk was Joseph Ellsworth Bland, born in 1859. I have no other information about this son. Information supplied by Virginia Bland Cowden, of Bloomington, Indiana, indicates that he was living in the family of Rebecca Sargent in Wayne County, Iowa in 1870. He married Sophia Amy Duncan about 1884, and they had a child (fifteenth generation), Alisa Bland, who was born July 30, 1885.²

The marriage of James Jacob Bland (thirteenth generation 1815-1862 to Martha Monk (1823-1864) calls attention to a rather interesting cousin relationship that harks back to the Greene County family's North Carolina origins. Martha Monk was one of five children by Shadrack Monk (1793-1845) and Anna Gillmore (1792-1883). Martha's sister, Rachel Monk (1830-1871) married Simon Bland. Simon Bland was in turn the son of Francis Bland (twelfth generation), who was enumerated in the 1830 census for Greene County, Indiana³ as head of a household, himself aged 30-40, so he was born about 1790-1800. Francis was from North Carolina, and since there was a Francis Bland on the

¹ Iowa Census, Madison County 1880, and Warren County, 1900.

² Family of Jacob Bland and Nancy Richardson, based on information supplied by Albert Hunter, Doris Melia, R. E. Wright, and supplied the author by Virginia Bland Cowden.

³ In 1827, Francis bought 70 acres in Highland Township, Greene County, Section 28, Township 8, about one mile from Jacob Bland (twelfth generation). In 1829, Thomas bought 80 acres in Richland Township, Greene County, about 2-3 miles south of Francis. Apparently, these assumed Bland brothers bought their land just far enough apart so they would not have to listen to each other's marital feuds.

tax lists of Chatham County in 1815,¹ it is not unreasonable to assume that Francis Bland was born there. He married Elizabeth Langley from South Carolina. She was enumerated in the 1830 Greene County, Indiana census as aged 20-30. According to a history of Greene County, Francis and Elizabeth were married in Kentucky.² After their marriage, Francis Bland and Elizabeth, his wife, moved to Orange County, Indiana, and subsequently settled in the Highland Township of Greene County, Indiana in November 1821. The history of Greene County indicates that Francis and Elizabeth had five daughters and three sons, including one who died in infancy.³ This more or less conforms to the 1830 census enumeration which shows, in addition to Francis and Elizabeth, one son aged 5-10 (Simon), a daughter under 5, a daughter aged 5-10, a daughter aged 10-15, and a woman aged 40-50, living in the household. This older woman may have been Mourning Bland, who was born about 1782, and she might have been a sister of Francis Bland. Francis died in 1833 and Elizabeth died in 1861. A good deal of this information suggests a sibling relationship between Jacob Bland and Francis Bland, though it is hypothetical. If true, however, this would place Francis in the twelfth generation, and his son, Simon Bland, in the thirteenth.

¹ Cf. p. 325.

² I have examined an extensive amount of information on Kentucky marriages involving Blands in the applicable time frame, including information supplied the author by Jessamine James (November 28, 1980) and by Bertha Dunn, of Delia, Kansas, which was sent to her I believe by Richard Smith, of DeKalb, Illinois. I have not yet found a record of this marriage between Francis Bland and Elizabeth Langley.

³ History of Greene and Sullivan Counties, State of Indiana (Chicago: Goodspeed Brothers & Co: 1884, reprinted in Evansville, Indiana, 1974), p. 417.

Simon Bland was born December 27, 1823, and he was still living in 1883 when Goodspeed's History of Greene County was published in 1884.¹ In 1852, Simon Bland was elected to the post of town trustee of Highland, and by 1884, was known as one of the "substantial and prominent men of northern Greene County."² He was known politically as a dyed in the wool Democrat.³

Simon Bland married Rachel Monk⁴ on May 18, 1851, and during the twenty years remaining of her life, she bore Simon eight children (fourteenth generation). The 1860 census of Greene County shows Simon and Rachel living in Highland Township, in very close proximity to Robert Henry Bland (thirteenth generation, 1817-1869), and parents of three children: Mourning (enumerated as Muran), born in 1852; Margaret, born in 1854; and William H. Bland, born in 1857. After 1860, five additional children were born, including Ferdinand, Nancy, Granville and Mary, all of whom were deceased by 1884, and David F. Bland.

Rachel Monk died June 20, 1871, and on August 3, 1873 Simon Bland married a widow, Lucinda Danely Owen. There were evidently no children by this second marriage.

Earlier, it was noted that the 1830 census for Greene County, Indiana enumerated four distinct families of Blands, headed by Francis, Jacob, Thomas and William. The families of Francis and Jacob were

1 Ibid.

2 Ibid.

3 Ibid.

4 Rachel Monk may have been a sister of Martha J. Monk who married James Jacob Bland (thirteenth generation), making Simon and James Jacob Bland brothers-in-law as well as cousins.

discussed on preceding pages. The family of Thomas Bland is something of a mystery. In 1830, his household included an adult male, aged 40-50, and a female aged 30-40. It also included three children, a male aged 0-5, and a male and female aged 10-15. It is assumed that this is the same individual who was on the tax list of Chatham County in 1815. No coherent family for a Thomas Bland resurfaced in subsequent census enumerations.

The family of William Bland is another matter.¹ The 1830 census shows an adult male and female, aged 40-50, in addition to six children, including two females aged 0-5; two males, aged 5-10; one male aged 10-15; and a male aged 15-20. William, Francis, Jacob and Thomas are assumed to be brothers. They lived fairly close together in Greene County, Indiana, and came from North Carolina, suggesting a possible sibling relationship. For purposes of genealogical placement, I will assume that William, like Jacob, Thomas and Francis, is twelfth generation.

William Bland and his wife, enumerated in the 1830 census, were both aged 40-50, suggesting they were born between 1790-1790. In the 1840 census, Elizabeth, William, a William Jr. and Nancy are enumerated in the same household. In 1850, William, aged 63, and Elizabeth, aged 61, both born in North Carolina, were enumerated in Smith Township, Greene County. With the passage of twenty years since 1830, it would be assumed that all their children had grown to adulthood and

¹ Information about the hypothetical family history of William Bland and his wife is derived from data in the Census for Greene County, Indiana 1830-1860, from Kansas Census Records, and from information supplied by Bertha Dunn, of Delia, Kansas. William purchased 181 acres in Smith Township adjacent to Highland Township in 1831.

moved away, or perhaps died during their childhood. William and Elizabeth then, appear to have been born in North Carolina in 1787 and 1789 respectively. They were still living in 1850, and were enumerated in 1860, living in Smith Township.¹

It should be noted that in the 1830 census, William's family included two males aged 5-10. One of these may have been William Bland who was born about 1821 in Greene County, and died about 1895 in Beloit, Kansas.² William Bland (thirteenth generation) married Catherine Brock, born in 1828, in Greene County, Indiana on November 21 1847. William and Catherine lived in Greene County for a short time and had a son there, Henry Berlin Bland (fourteenth generation) who was born August 8, 1848.

William and Catherine may have moved to Illinois for a short time, then to Wayne County, Iowa, where they were living in 1860, with a family of eight children (fourteenth generation). The children of William Bland and Catherine Brock were born between 1848-1868, with a hiatus between 1860-1867. Like many couples during this era, their marriage was disrupted by the Civil War. William enlisted in the

¹ The 1860 Census of Greene County enumerates William and Elizabeth as 75 and 60. Information about William Bland (C.1821-1895) was supplied the author by Bertha Dunn, of Delia, Kansas, who descends from this line. Bertha Dunn is cautious about a connection between William Bland (C.1821-1895), her ancestor, and William Bland, born 1787 in North Carolina. The probability of a parent-child connection, however, is very high.

² The second son of William Bland (C.1787-1860, twelfth generation), aged 5-10 in 1830, may have been James O. D. Bland, who was 25 in 1850. See discussion, pp. 341-342.

Iowa 23rd Regiment, Company D, as an infantryman, for the Union. He was wounded in the hip and honorably discharged. After the war, in 1880, William and his wife are found in Mitchell County, Kansas, Beloit Center Township,¹ living alongside their sons, Henry Berlin, James and Noah.

Henry Berlin Bland was born in Greene County, Indiana, August 8, 1848, and died February 8, 1910. He married Mary E. _____, born about 1851 in Illinois, presumably about 1874. In 1880, Henry Berlin and Mary Bland were living in Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, near Henry's parents. In 1900, they lived in Harrison Township, Nemaha County, Kansas, and had a son William, born in Indiana in August 1875. What happened to this family after 1900 is not known.²

The second child of William Bland and Catherine Brock, was Mary Bland. Her birth date is uncertain. Mrs. Dunn has found a Latter Day Saints Church record that shows a Mary Bland, born probably March 8, 1851, in Coles, Illinois, to William and Catherine Bland. Nothing more is known of Mary.

The third child of William Bland and Catherine Brock was James Bland. He was born in Illinois about 1854 or 1855. He was living in Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, in 1880, married to Marian _____, who was born about 1860, in Illinois. At that time, this couple were parents of two small children: Louise (or Louisa), and Charles S. Bland (fifteenth generation). James may have died about 1893, along

¹ Mrs. Dunn indicates they were in Beloit. Kansas Census, Mitchell County, 1880, 1900, and Bertha Dunn, family record of William Bland and Catherine Brock.

² Ibid. Kansas Census, Nemaha County, 1900.

with his younger brother, William G. Bland, perhaps accidentally. In that year, Marian Bland filed a petition in Mitchell County Court for legal guardianship of Louise and Charles, as well as Jed W. Bland, minor child of William G. Bland. Presently, nothing more is known of this family.¹

The fourth child of James Bland and Catherine Brock was Noah Bland, born in Iowa in November 1856. Noah Bland was married at Beloit Mitchell County, Kansas in 1875, to Carrie Bailey, who was born in May 1860 in Washington, Maine. He was a minister, and he and Carrie moved from town to town. Noah and Carrie Bland were in Mitchell County, Kansas in 1880, and in Jackson County, Soldier Township, in 1900. They appear to have had four children (fifteenth generation), including:

(1) Abner Edgar Bland, born December 5, 1879, in Mitchell County, Kansas,² and died March 28, 1848 in San Diego, California. Abner married Mary White (1851-), but no children resulted from the marriage. (2) Lillie Myrtle Bland, was born September 20, 1884, in LeCompton, Kansas, and died April 26, 1939. Lillie married Alfred Keller (1884-1944) on March 30, 1909. They were parents of two children (sixteenth generation), including a daughter, Viola Ray Keller, who married Melvin Dunn. (3) Arthur Bland was born December 19, 1885 and died February 3, 1951. Arthur married Louise Ennis (1884-1951) and they had children whose lives extended into the 20th century.

¹ Ibid.

² Mitchell County was adjacent to Cloud County, Kansas. Cf. discussion of James O. D. Bland, pp. 341-342.

(4) Harry Bland was born January 22, 1894, in Lawrence, Kansas, and died in Beaumont, California. He married twice, to Ada _____ and Amy Lee Housekeeper.¹

The fifth child of William Bland (thirteenth generation) and Catherine Brock, was John R. Bland, who was born in Iowa in 1858. John R. Bland was living with his parents in 1880 in Iowa. He married Carrie _____, born in Iowa in 1861. By 1885, this couple was living in Mitchell County, Beloit, Kansas, and had a daughter named Minnie, aged 2. Nothing further is known of them.

Eve Ellen Bland was the sixth child of William Bland and Catherine Brock. She was born in Iowa in 1860 and died in Nemaha County, Kansas in 1929. She married Harvey Cooley (1855-1933) about 1877, and had by him seven children.

The seventh child of William Bland and Catherine Brock was William G. Bland, who was born in 1867 in Iowa and died, probably about 1893. He was living with his parents in Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas in 1880 and 1885. When he died, he had one child, Jed W. Bland, born in 1891.

The eighth child of William Bland and Catherine Brock was Francis Marion Bland. He was born, evidently, in November 1868 in Iowa, and died in Beloit, Kansas, January 2, 1948. Francis married Mary K. _____,² born in Tennessee July 1871, presumably about 1889. By 1900, Marion and Mary Bland had one child, a daughter Rea, born in Kansas in 1890.

¹ Ibid. Kansas Census, Jackson County, 1900.

² A boarder in Francis Marion's home enumerated in the 1900 census was Jessie Knight, of Tennessee, aged 59, who may have been a relative of Mary K.

The 1850 and 1860 censuses record a number of Greene County, Indiana, Bland families that probably were descended from either Francis Thomas or William Bland. These include:

Joseph Bland, born in Indiana in 1819 (both Thomas and William Bland had male children not accounted for, aged 10-15 in 1850). In 1860, Joseph was married to Sarah Ann, born in Indiana in 1822, and they had six children, including Francis M. Bland (1842-); James T. Bland (1846-); William T. Bland (1847-); Worthington Bland (1850-); Elizabeth J. Bland (1855-); and Joseph A. Bland (1859-). Of these children, James may have been living in Clay County, Kansas by 1880, married to Roxie, born in Ohio in 1849, and father of three children: William, age 10; Jesse, a daughter, age 2; and Annie, age six months.¹ In 1880, William T. Bland (1847-) was living in Rooks County, Kansas, Walton Township, and was married to Amelia _____, born in Indiana. They had a child Orin, aged 2, and a child, Otto Bland, aged 4. By 1900, Otto Bland was living in Rice County, Kansas, married to Maggie _____ and father of three children: Alva, born December 1894; Abby, born February 1897; and James E. Bland, born November 1899. By 1900, it appears that William T. Bland's wife Amelia had died, and he was living with his brother Worthington in Mitchell County, Beloit Township, in Kansas. By that time, William T. Bland had a child, Frank E. Bland, who was born May 1887 in Kansas.²

The 1850 census shows Jacob Bland, aged 34, living in Richland Township, Greene County, with a family that included a wife, Elvira,

¹ Indiana Census, 1860, Greene County; Kansas Census, 1880, Clay County.

² Kansas Census, 1880, Rooks County; Rice County; Mitchell County, 1900.

born in Indiana in 1819. Jacob and Elvira had married on December 22, 1836. They had six children, including: Thornton, aged 12; Mary, aged 10; Sarah, aged 8; Samuel, aged 6; Bersheba, aged 4;¹ and Rebecca, aged 1. Jacob and his family were no longer living in Greene County in 1860. I have been able to find nothing about Jacob or his two sons after 1850.

James O. D. Bland, born in 1824 (William had two sons, aged 5-10, in 1830; one was presumed to be William (C.1821-1895) who married Catherine Brock) was living in Highland Township in 1860. His place of birth was Indiana.² At that time, James was married to Mary _____ from North Carolina, aged 21. James served during the Civil War in the 115th Indiana Infantry, Company A, formed in Greene County. James and Mary in 1860 had a family of six children, all born in Indiana, including: John, aged 13; Martha J. Bland, aged 10; William F. Bland, aged 8; Susan C. Bland, aged 6; Margaret E. Bland, aged 3. What became of James O. D. Bland's children is unknown. By 1880, James and his wife Mary were living in Cloud County, Kansas, Buffalo Township,³ and by

¹ As noted before, this name, variants of Bathsheba, appears repeatedly from late 18th century, in the descendants of James Bland (ninth generation). A Bashaba Bland married Anthony Milan September 9, 1841, in Greene County, and there was a William Milan, living in the home of Jacob and Elvira Bland in 1850, aged eight months, suggesting that his parents were dead.

² If James O. D. Bland was the son of William Bland, it would indicate that William was in Indiana by 1824, but he didn't buy land until 1831.

³ Cf. p. 338 . Cloud County was adjacent to Mitchell County, Kansas.

1900, a son, Malcolm O. Bland, was enumerated, born July 1882. He must have been an unexpected surprise, for there is no evidence of any intervening children, and Mary would have been 43 when he was born.¹

Adam, or possibly Aaron Bland, born in 1814 in North Carolina, was living in Richland Township in 1860. He married Lavina Bryant in Kentucky, born in 1814, on December 23, 1834. They had a son, Leroy Bland, born in 1838. Adam Bland's parentage is unknown, although again, both William and Thomas Bland (assumed twelfth generation) had sons aged 10-15 in the 1830 census.

The Chatham County, North Carolina/Greene County, Indiana connection for the Bland family was indeed extensive, but the North Carolina migrants did not complete this Greene County picture. As is shown in Chapter X, probable descendants of John Bland (eighth generation) also moved from Virginia to Kentucky, and then to Greene County, where they mingled with these North Carolina descendants. That comixture is a subject for Chapter X. Here, the reader comes to the end of the discussion of the family of James Bland (c.1707-1774, ninth generation) of New Hanover County, North Carolina, and turns to the discussion of James' younger half-brother, Moses Bland, the eldest son of William Bland (eighth generation) and his second wife, Catherine Key.

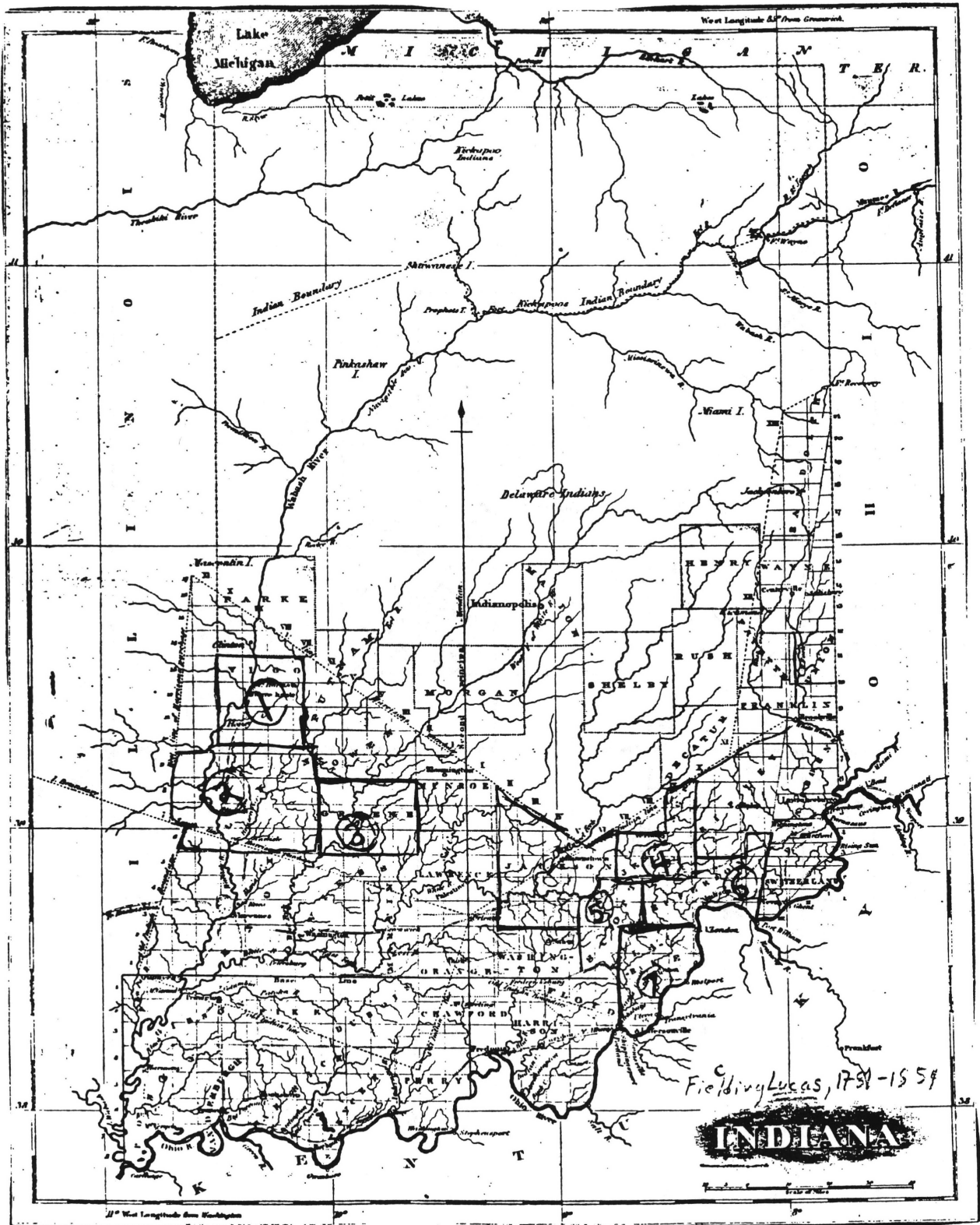
Moses Bland of Randolph County, North Carolina,
(Ninth Generation)

The life of Moses Bland (ninth generation) spanned the 18th century. Moses was the half-brother of James Bland, of New Hanover

¹ Kansas Census, 1900, Cloud County.

MAP XII

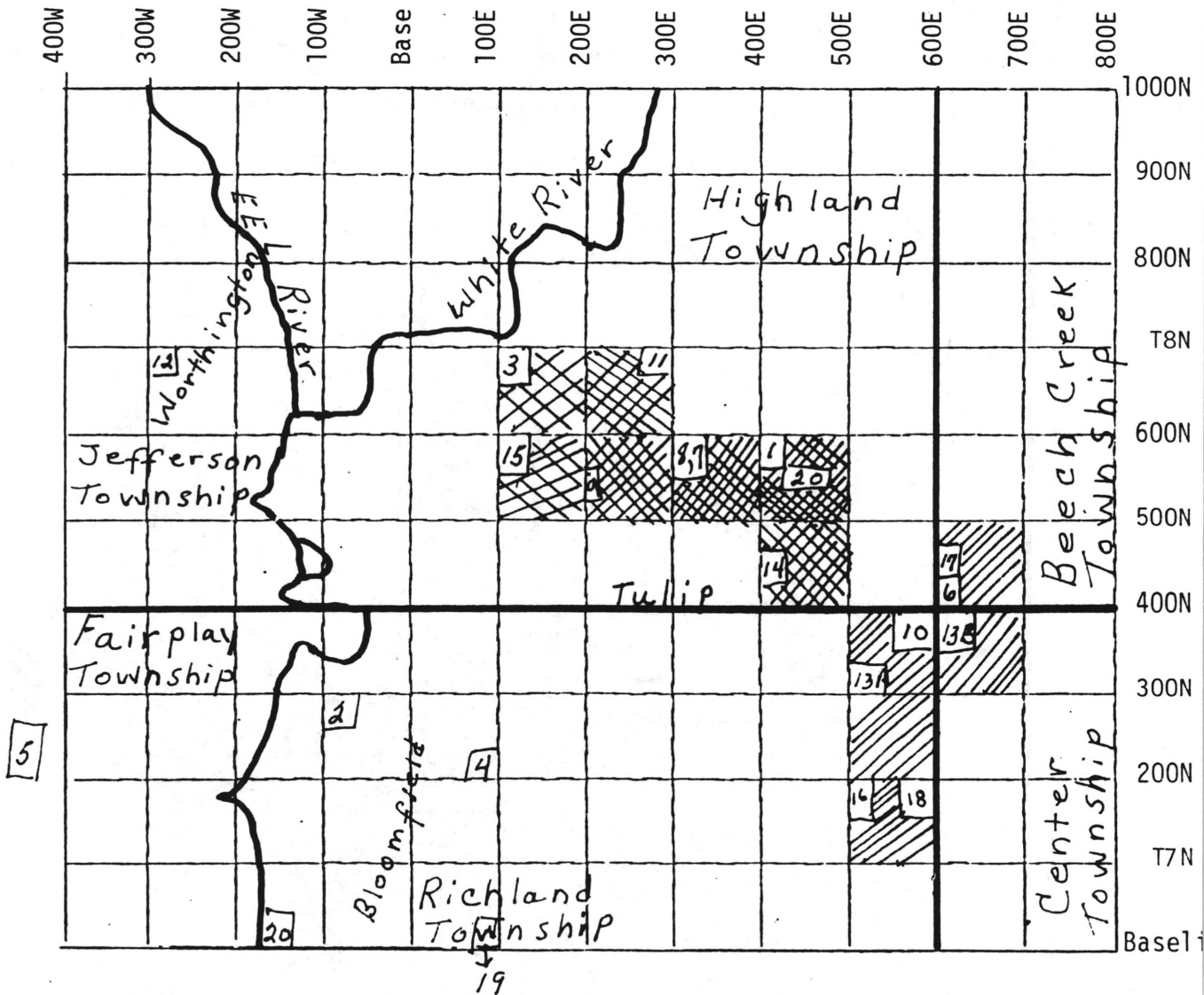
INDIANA ABOUT 1823



Highlighted Counties: (1) Vigo; (2) Sullivan; (3) Greene; (4) Jennings
(5) Scott; (6) Jefferson; (7) Clarke; (8) Jackson.

MAP XIII

Bland Settlements in Highland, Fairplay, Richland, Jefferson, Beech Creek, and Center Townships, Greene County, Indiana from 1827-1870.



(Key on Following Page)

Each section is 1 mile square.



Settlement by Chatham County, North Carolina family of Jacob Bland (C.1779-1839).



Settlement of Nelson County, Kentucky family of Osborne Bland Jr. (C.1774-1848).

Key to Land Ownership in Greene County, Indiana:
Highland, Fairplay, Richland, Jefferson, Beech
Creek, and Center Townships

1. Francis Bland: 70 acres, Highland, 1827.
2. Thomas Bland: 80 acres, Richland, 1829.
3. William Bland: 181 acres, Highland, 1831.
4. Jacob Bland: Uncertain acreage, Richland, 1836.
5. William Bland: 40 acres, Fairplay Township, off map between
300N-200N , 1837.
6. William Bland: 40 acres, Beech Creek Township, 1838.
7. Jacob Bland: Died, Highland in 1839, 1.75 miles north of Tulip.
8. Robert H. Bland and James Jacob Bland: Inherited land, Highland,
from Jacob Bland, 1840.
9. James Jacob Bland: Uncertain acreage, Highland, 1844.
10. Warren Bland: Uncertain acreage, Richland, 1852.
11. James O. D. Bland: Uncertain acreage, Highland, 1863.
12. Thomas Bland: Uncertain acreage, Jefferson Township, 1855.
13. Jesse Bland: (A) Uncertain acreage, Richland, 1858; (B) uncertain
acreage, Center 1861.
14. James Bland Jr.: Uncertain acreage, Highland, 1860.
15. James O. D. Bland: Uncertain acreage, Highland, 1863.
16. John Bland: Uncertain acreage, Richland, 1868.
17. Austin Bland: Uncertain acreage, Beech Creek Township, 1869.
18. Austin Bland: Uncertain acreage, Richland, 1870.
19. Aaron Bland: Uncertain acreage, Richland, date uncertain.
20. James Jacob Bland: Uncertain acreage, Richland on White River
near Fairplay, date uncertain.

TABLE XXII

THE ASSUMED FAMILY OF JAMES BLAND OF DUPLIN AND CHATHAM COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA: FOUR GENERATIONS

(10) William Bland (C. 1726-1775)	=	_____
(11) James Bland (C. 1749/1754-)	=	_____
	1	_____
	1	_____
(12-1)	(12-2)*	(12-3)**
Jacob Bland (C. 1779-1839), married Nancy Richardson about 1801.	William Bland (1787-1860), married Elizabeth _____ (1789-).	Francis Bland (1790/ 1800-1833), married Elizabeth Langley (1800/1810-1861).
(13-1) Nancy Richardson Bland (1802-1876), married Richard Pope.	(13-1) William Bland* (1821- C. 1895) married Catherine Brock.	(13-1) Simon Bland (1823-C. 1883), married Rachel Monk.
(13-2) Permelia Bland (1805-1883).	(13-2) James O. D. Bland* (1824-) married Mary _____.	In 1830, Thomas' house- hold included the following children: 1 male, aged 0-5. 1 male, aged 10-15. 1 female, aged 10-15.
(13-3) Mary Bland (1807-)	(13-3) Jacob Bland* (1816-) married Elvira Hartley.	
(13-4) Zina Bland (1809-)		
(13-5) Rebecca Bland (1813- 1865), married Mark Clark James.		
(13-6) Jacob Bland (1815- 1862), married Martha Monk.		
(13-7) Robert Henry Bland (1817-1869), married Chloe Hodges.		
(13-8) Sarah Bland		

* In 1830, Greene County, Indiana, William Bland's family was enumerated with one male and one female, aged 40-50; two females, aged 0-5; two males, aged 5-10; one male, 10-15; and one male, 15-20. There is a possibility, though not a certainty, that William, James O.D., and Jacob Bland are brothers.

** Francis Bland and Elizabeth Langley had a family of five daughters and three sons. Information is available

TABLE XXIII

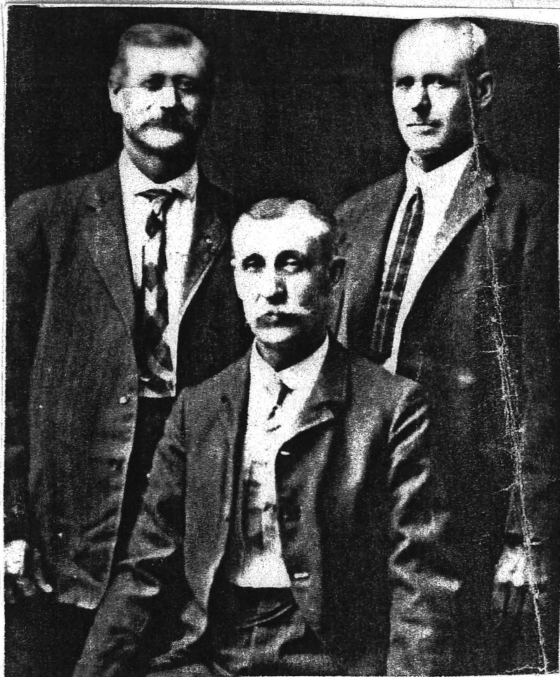
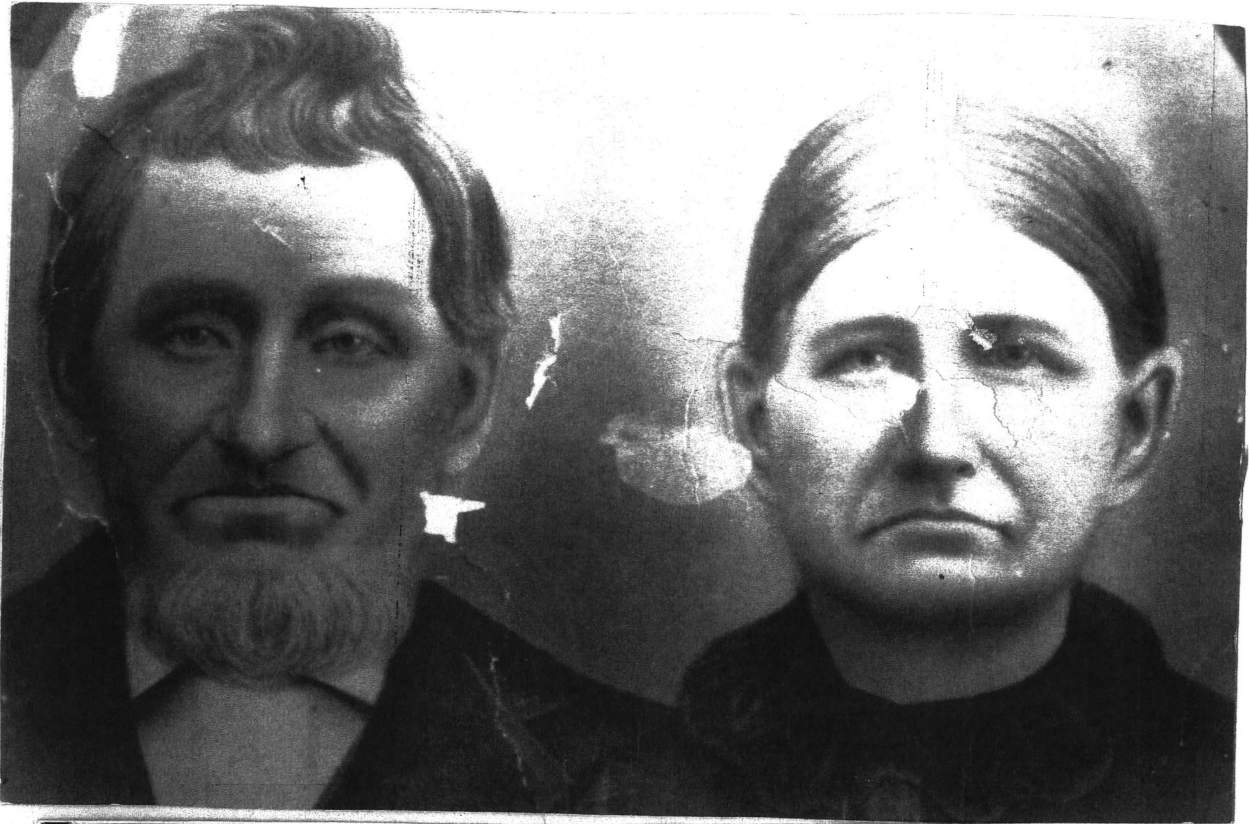
THE FAMILY OF MOSES BLAND OF VIRGINIA AND RANDOLPH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA: FIVE GENERATIONS

(7) James Bland (C. 1655-1708)	(1) _____ (2) Margaret _____	
(8) William Bland (C. 1686-1744)	(1) _____ (2) Catherine Key, February 6, 1716/1717.	
(9) Moses Bland (C. 1718-1799)	Jane Wiggonton, January 14, 1750.	
(10-1)	(10-2)	(10-)
William Bland (C. 1752- died after 1801)	Benjamin Bland (born prior to 1769-still living in 1820)	Daughters: Sarah (Sally) Bland Fanny Bland Winnie Bland Catherine (Caty) Bland Margaret (Peggy) Bland Mary Bland
(11-1) James Bland (1773-1832), married Jane Johnston.		
(11-2) Moses Bland (1774/1775- C. 1848), married (1) Peggy Bland; and (2) Nancy Boaz.		
(11-3) Thomas Bland* (1775/1779- living in 1820).		
(11-4) John Bland*		
(11-5) Abel Bland (C. 1788-living in 1820).		

* Thomas and John Bland's enumeration as sons of William Bland is hypothetical. See discussion on pp. 357-359.

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Upper: William Bland (1821-1895) and Catherine Brock (1828-)
Courtesy Bertha Dunn. Lower, Left: Sons of James Jacob Bland and Martha
Monk: Left (L-R), Robert Bland (1845-); George Washington Bland (1861-
1941); Charles Wesley Bland (1848-1924) Courtesy of Masie Medford. Right:
Joseph Ellsworth Bland (1858-1933), Courtesy Betty Miller.



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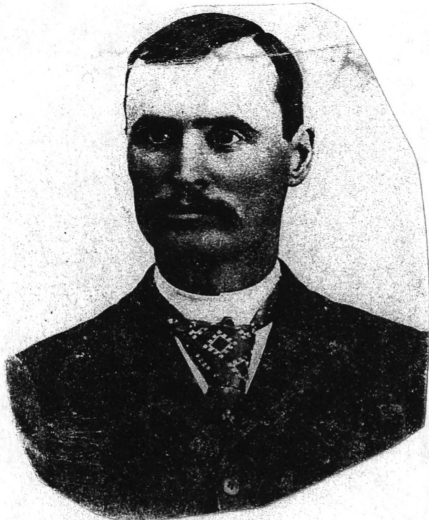
Orin Pearl Bland (1878-1920) and his wife Nettie Trumbull (1875-) with their children Carol Lovell Bland and Della Fern Bland. Orin was the son of William T. Bland (1847-1924) and Amelia Killion. Courtesy of Thomas C. and Donuta Hulsey.



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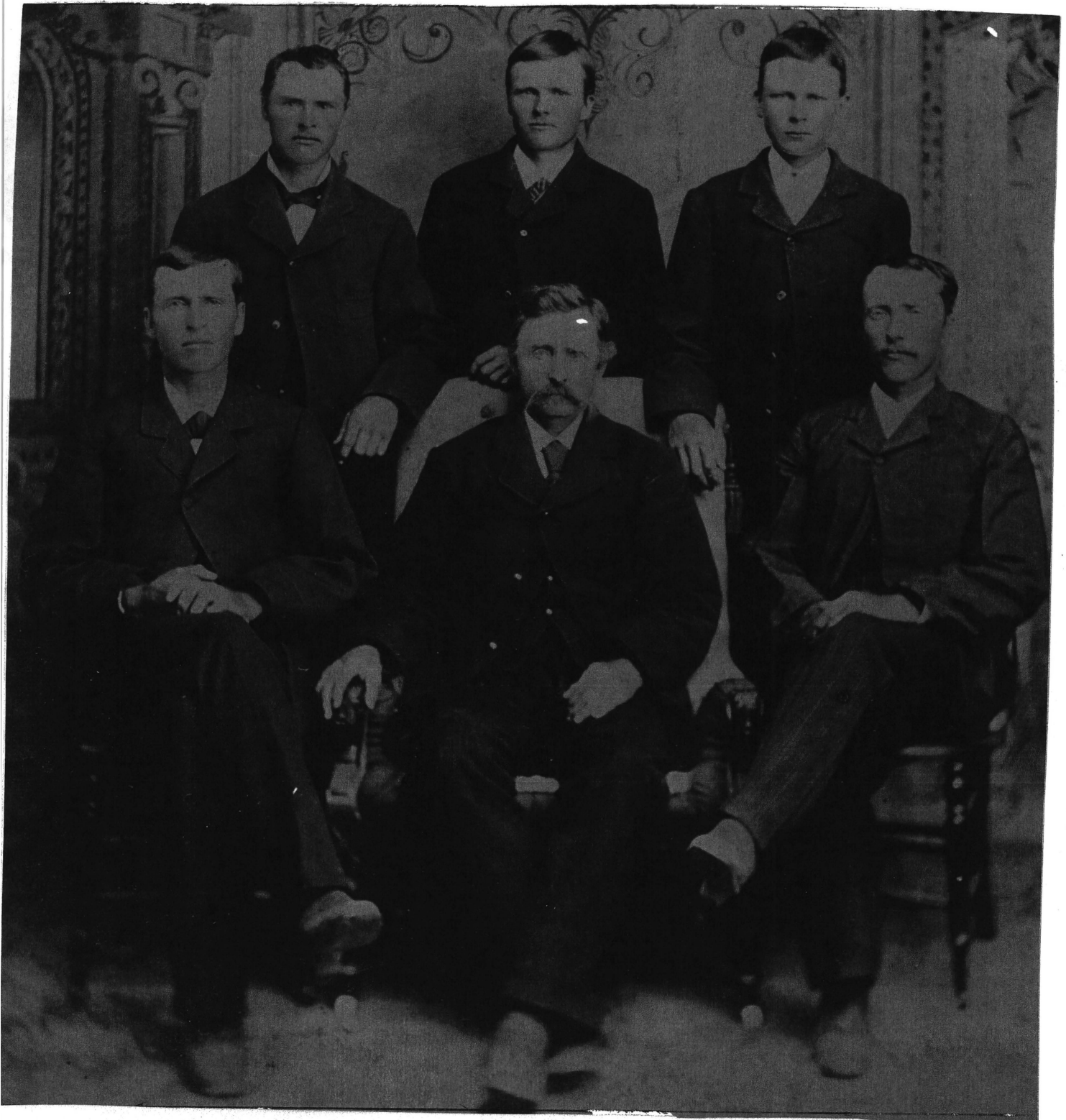
Top Center: James Otis Daniel Bland (1924-1907) courtesy Loretta Swain Ruder. Top Left, son Daniel Ervin Bland (1866-1949); Top Right: John Huse Bland (1868-1956):

Lower Left: Daniel Ervin Bland and wife Flora Irene Heaton (1862-1936), courtesy Loretta Swain Ruder. Lower Right: John Huse Bland and wife Lenore Shaw (1877-1963), courtesy Lenore Bland Brown.



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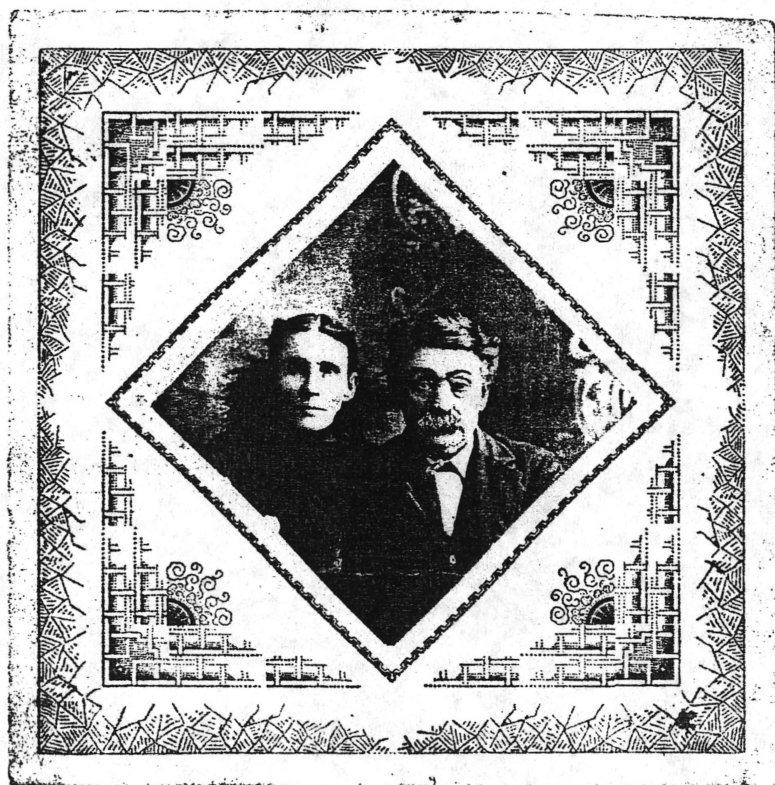
Seated Front Center: Enoch Bland (1833-1920), brother of William Bland (1821-1895) and James O.D. Bland (1824-1907), (cf pp. 335ff). With Enoch are his sons, seated left Edward Bland; seated right Henry Bland (1856-1935); Standing L-R, J.W. "Winnie" Bland; Jim Bland; John Bland. Courtesy Harvey Cooley.



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PRESTON B BLAND
1818-1895
son of
ABEL BLAND & ANN JAMES

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CAROLINE BLAND
1850-1928
dau of
PRESTON BLAND & MARY REE
hus.
JOHN HENDERSON GROUNDS

Courtesy: Jane Midtby

County, North Carolina. He was the eldest son of William Bland (eighth generation) by his wife, Catherine Key, and must have been born in 1718. I come to this conclusion because Moses was named co-executor with James Bland (ninth generation) of their father's estate. William Bland married Catherine Key on February 6, 1716/1717. If Catherine conceived soon after their marriage, the child would have been born in 1718. There is evidence on record to suggest that Thomas Bland, another son of William Bland and Catherine Key, was born no later than 1719. Yet Moses, and not Thomas, was his father's co-executor. Thus, the estimate for Moses' birth in 1718. Moses' will was made December 10, 1799, and probated in May 1800, but the language of the will's preamble indicates that Moses died soon after making his will. Thus, Moses lived to a remarkably old age of eighty-one (1718-1799).¹

Following his father's death, Moses took an active part in the French-Creel-Reno-Bland Iron Works. His occupation is unknown, but traces of him are found in 1753, 1757, 1760, and 1771 in Prince William and Fairfax County.² Moses and his wife then appeared on the tax lists of Randolph County, North Carolina, in 1779, when the county was formed from Guilford. Moses appeared on the record in Randolph County several

¹ The name of Moses in the Bland family is obscure. A Moses Bland died in Pennsylvania in 1758, leaving a will that left a legacy to executors James and Margaret Reid. Dawson Notes, citing Lyingstedt, Vol. II, p. 37. The name would seem to indicate that this man, born no later than 1737, was related to the Stafford County family, though whose son he might be, and how he came to be in Pennsylvania, remains a mystery. The possibility of a family of Blands being in Pennsylvania during this time will be discussed presently. Cf. pp. 357-362.

² Dawson Notes, citing Fairfax County Order Book, 1757, p. 663; The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 21, pp. 65-66; and Prince William Deed Book X, 1771, p. 400.

times in the following twenty years,¹ and in 1790 was enumerated in the Hillsborough District of the county with his wife. Why Moses moved to North Carolina is uncertain.

Moses married Jane Wiggonton, of Stafford County, Overwharton Parish, on January 14, 1750/1751.² In his will, Moses mentioned eight children, including six daughters and two sons (tenth generation). The daughters were Sally, Fanny, Winnie, Caty,³ Peggy and Mary. To my knowledge, nothing further is known of them. The two sons were named William and Benjamin.

The reader should proceed with the caution that of the three ascertained sons of William Bland (eighth generation), the line that descends through Moses Bland is the least well developed, and as is the case in discussing many lines, there are some outright contradictions that have yet to be resolved. With that in mind, I turn to the tenth generation sons of Moses Bland.⁴

¹ Letter, Albert Hunter to William Graham Bland, April 21, 1981, citing Randolph County Deed Books #3, September 24, 1785, p. 318; Book 5, November 28, 1792, p. 111; and Book 5, April 24, 1794, p. 128.

² George Harrison King, Registers of Overwharton Parish, Stafford County, Virginia (1964). p. 9.

³ Last Will and Testament of Moses Bland, December 10, 1799. Caty must have been a derivation of Kate, Catherine, Catherine Key.

⁴ In preparing this section, I have profited by the opportunity of talking briefly with Mr. Max Kessinger, of Wichita, Kansas, and with Robert Wheeler, of Lebanon, Oregon. I have made use of a document authored by Berniece Mumford, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, which traces a view of the line of descent from Moses Bland (eleventh generation); The Bland Family Line, by Gladys Bland Foster, which I received from several sources; Francis Marion Bland's, "The Bland Reunion-1900;" sections of a book on the McAmmon-Bland family and related lines, prepared by Elva Reitz, of Sun City, Arizona' Obituary of Jane Johnston Bland, Dupont, Indiana, July 9, 1866. I have also profited by letters from Berniece Mumford, November 17, 1981; Elva Reitz, November 21, 1981; and Luella Bland, undated (November 1981), as well as from Robert Wheeler, November 20, 1981.

Benjamin Bland (Tenth Generation)

Benjamin Bland (tenth generation) was the younger of the two known sons of Moses Bland. He was enumerated in the 1790 census in Hillsborough District, Randolph County, North Carolina, living alone, but over sixteen. In 1801, his brother William deeded him 40 acres on Fork Creek in Randolph County.

By 1800, Benjamin had started a family. His household shows an adult male and female, both aged 26-45, with a male and female under 10. Benjamin then disappeared from view until 1820, when he appeared in Jackson County, Indiana. By then, his wife had died and his household was composed of one male under 10, and two females aged 16-26 and 10-16. This would indicate that the male child in the 1800 census was now gone from the household. How Benjamin Bland got from Randolph County, North Carolina, to Jackson County, Indiana is not known, but it is apparent that he traveled there with some nephews and other Blands not readily identifiable, and who lived for a time in Nelson County, Kentucky. The names of Benjamin's children remain unknown.

William Bland (Tenth Generation)

The eldest son of Moses Bland and Jane Wiggonton was William Bland, (tenth generation). When he was born is uncertain, but in the 1800 census he was enumerated as over 45, leaving a bare range of 1752-1755 for his year of birth. For working purposes, I will use the date of 1752. He was still living in 1800-1801 when he made land transactions in the Fork Creek area with William and John Needham, and his brother Benjamin.

The name of William's wife and the exact composition of his family is not certain. In 1790, he was enumerated in the Hillsborough District of Randolph County, North Carolina, with a family that included himself, his wife, two males over 16, two males under 16, and four females. By 1800, the family included William, then over 45, one female aged 26-45 (William's wife), one male and one female, aged 10-16, one female and two males under 10.

The names of William's daughters are not known, but enough is known of his sons to form an opinion about the composition of his family in 1790 and 1800. There were four sons enumerated in 1790, two over 16, and two under 16. The elder sons were James Bland, born in 1773, and Moses Bland, born about 1774 or 1775. Of the two sons who were under 16 in 1790, one would have been Abel, documented by Berniece Mumford as being born in 1788. Possibly the other was Thomas Bland. Nothing is known of Thomas, and I hasten to add that I am not certain he was William's son. There is a Thomas Bland who witnessed Moses Bland's will of 1799, and some of this family migrated to Jackson County, Indiana, and were enumerated there in 1820. Living alongside them was a family headed by Thomas Bland, aged 26-45. If this Thomas had been born, say, in 1775-1779, he could have been under 16 in 1790, have witnessed his grandfather's will in 1799, and appeared in Jackson County, Indiana in 1820, aged 41-45.¹ By 1800, the older sons, James and Moses, had moved away, leaving Abel and the unknown son (possibly Thomas) still in the household. By 1800 also, there were two sons and a daughter that were listed as under 10, so were not enumerated in the 1790 census.

¹ The missing son also may have been John Bland, who appeared in Jen County, Indiana; father of Osborne and Meredith Bland. Cf. pp. 357 ff.

Abel Bland (Eleventh Generation)

Very little is known of Abel Bland. He was said to have been the son of William Bland (tenth generation) born in 1788. Abel Bland first appeared as an adult in the 1820 census for Jackson County, Indiana, where he was enumerated as aged 26-45 (actually 32), with a son, aged 10-16, and two sons under ten. Also in his household was a female, aged 26-45, and three females under age 10. What happened to Abel Bland is not certain, but one of his sons, James Bland (twelfth generation) born in 1822, enlisted in the Arkansas Volunteer Militia for service in the Mexican War on July 1, 1846.¹

Moses Bland (Eleventh Generation)

Moses Bland was born probably about 1775,² in Randolph County, North Carolina. In the late 1790's, Moses left home, possibly with his older brother James, and by 1800 had reached Nelson County, Kentucky. There he met and married Peggy Bland, a daughter of Samuel Bland, on November 24, 1800.³

This first marriage of Moses' was to last about six years, and during that time there was born one daughter, Elizabeth Bland (1804-1846, twelfth generation) who later married Ambrose Knott

¹ Document provided by Berniece Mumford, who states that this James Bland was an ancestor of one Vera Bland. "Abell Bland" married Ann James in Henry County, Kentucky, October 27, 1808.

² An undated obituary for Moses Bland indicates he was 68 when he died. The range of Moses' birthdates would be 1775-1781.

³ Mumford; citing Mary H. Stancliff, Nelson County, Kentucky, Marriage Bonds: 1785-1832, Vol. 1. Cf. p. 348, note 2. Samuel Bland, of Nelson County, Kentucky, will be discussed in Chapter X, pp. 455 ff.

in Nelson County, Kentucky, December 1, 1828.¹ Peggy Bland died about 1805-1806, and subsequently, Moses Bland married Nancy Boaz, of Woodford County, Kentucky, on March 21, 1807.

By 1810, Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz were in Jefferson County, Kentucky. The census of that year showed Moses, aged 26-45, with a female (Nancy Boaz) aged 26-45, a daughter, Elizabeth, aged 10-16, and two females under 10.

By 1820, Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz were in Jackson County, Indiana, where they were enumerated with a family including one male over 45 (Moses would have been about 46 in 1820). No adult female is enumerated, suggesting that Nancy Boaz died sometime between 1810-1820. There are enumerated with Moses, three males, all under age 10, as well as two females aged 10-16, and two females under 10.

Here opinions diverge about what happened to Moses. Max Kessinger of Wichita, Kansas, believes that Moses moved to Sullivan County, Indiana, and died there after 1850, while Nancy Boaz died between 1840 and 1850. Berniece Mumford, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, however, believes that Moses moved to Arkansas between 1820-1828. Interestingly there is a Moses Bland by 1830 in Pulaski County, Arkansas, as well as one in Sullivan County, Indiana. One descends from Moses Bland (ninth generation) through his son William. The other descends from an unknown source. Both Mr. Kessinger and Mrs. Mumford believe that their Moses descends from the Randolph County, North Carolina family.

¹ Ambrose Knott and Elizabeth Bland were found in Gill Township, Sullivan County, Indiana in 1850. Samuel Bland stood bond for Elizabeth vouching that she was over 21. He called Elizabeth his niece and stated that her father, Moses, was in Indiana at the time. Samuel was Moses' brother-in-law. Cf. pp. 455 ff.

The Kessinger Line

The Moses Bland identified in the Jackson County, Indiana Census for 1820 most closely resembles the family suggested by Mr. Max Kessinger. Further, by 1830, the Moses Bland-Nancy Boaz family was in Jennings County, Indiana (they moved there about 1823), and was enumerated as one male under ten; two males 15-20; one female 10-15; and one female 15-20. Additionally, there was a female 20-30, and a male 40-50 (Moses was about 58 in 1830).

According to Mr. Kessinger, Moses Bland and Nancy Boaz had a family (twelfth generation) that included two daughters and three sons. The daughters were Elizabeth, born C.1814, and Lucretia, born C.1817, who married Wallace Davis. The sons, as enumerated in the 1830 census, were:¹

Richard Anderson Bland, born in Nelson County, Kentucky, January 6, 1815, and died August 3, 1904, in Sullivan County, Indiana. Richard was a cabinet maker and farmer.² Richard married first, in 1835, Eusebia Mason, by whom he had nine children. Of these children (thirteenth generation), five were dead by 1884, including James M., Marion, Sarah M. Richard A. and Justus D. Bland. Still living in 1884 were Nancy, William H. (1840-), Thomas F., and Samantha Bland. Richard married Millie A. Allen December 19, 1877, but had no children by her.

Minor Bland³ was born May 7, 1818, and died March 26, 1879. He married twice and between his wives, was a father of seven children, of whom three died in infancy.

Mr. Kessinger's ancestor was William Bland, born 1813-1815 and died 1852. William married in Jennings County, Indiana, on April 9, 1831,

¹ Max Kessinger to Charles Bland, February 5, 1982. Moses was shown in the 1850 Census for Sullivan County, aged 78, which conforms approximately to estimates for Moses' birth.

² Baber, p. 717.

³ Cf. p. 397. note 1.

Mary Pennock (C.1810-1877), from New York. William and Mary had a family of eight children, including Margaret (C.1832-); Almira (C.1837-), Mary Ann (C.1839-), Elizabeth (C.1841-), Mariah (June 22, 1843 to April 23, 1892) who married Elisha Hadden, January 1 1861, and an unnamed daughter. A son, Moses Bland (May 29, 1848- May 20, 1925) died in California and is buried at Linton, Indiana. Moses married three times and had four children (fourteenth generation including Samuel Bland (1873-); Josephus (1875-1901); Moses (1881-1881), and Mariah Louise (1884-1906).

William A. Bland, eldest son of William Bland and Mary Pennock, was born May 12, 1845 and died January 14, 1883. He married on May 3, 1866, Leanah Burnett (July 23, 1850-February 28, 1870),¹ and by her had two children (fourteenth generation) including Mary Bland (1867-1870) and Levi Edward Bland, born at Fredonia, Kansas January 15, 1869 and died in Mulvane, Kansas, June 22, 1955. Levi Edward Bland married on March 26, 1891, Ida M. Foudray (1873-1960), and by her had four children including William Cleotus Bland (1892-1895), Glenn E. Bland (1898-1917), Audrey Mae Bland, still living, and Esther Lee Bland (1894-1962) who married Cresse Ernest Kessinger.²

The Mumford Line

According to Berniece Mumford, Moses Bland (eleventh generation) appeared in Pulaski County, Arkansas, sometime between 1820-1828.³

¹ William A. Bland remarried to Sarah Hildebrand, of Dade County, Missouri, July 28, 1873, and they had a son, Albert C. Bland (1878-1918) who died in Arkansas, was married and had children.

² Cresse Ernest Kessinger and Esther Lee Bland were parents of Max Kessinger.

³ Cf. p. 348, note 1.

In 1830, Moses appeared in the census for Pulaski County as aged 40-50, with a wife aged 40-50, one male aged 5-10 (a son named Moses, born in 1823) and five daughters, including one aged 16-20, two aged 10-15, one 5-10, and one under five. Of these daughters, three were married in 1836-1837: Charlotte Bland to Leason Wells in 1836; Nancy Bland to Andrew Brozil in 1837; and Polly Bland to Andrew McAllister in 1837. By 1840, in Pulaski County, Moses was enumerated aged 50-60, and Nancy Boaz, aged 40-50, with a male 15-20 (Moses, twelfth generation) and a female, aged 10-15.

The Pulaski County, Arkansas records for 1848 and 1849 show Moses Bland in possession of one slave, valued at \$600, and livestock valued at \$125. In a bill of sale dated December 12, 1848, Moses sold the slave to his son Moses for \$1.00. Moses must have died soon after. Mrs. Mumford indicates that Moses was a Baptist minister, who helped form the Spring Creek Baptist Church, later called the First Baptist Church in Benton, Arkansas. Following is an undated obituary from the Arkansas Gazette:

DEATH OF MOSES BLAND

Moses Bland, an old and respected citizen of Owen Township, this county, died on Sunday at his home, at the advanced age of 68 years. He had lived in Pulaski County for the last fifty years. The past twenty-two years he had lived...in Owen township...He had many friends in the county who will greatly regret to hear of his death. He had been a consistent member of the church for many years and his last request to his children was that they so live as to meet him in heaven.¹

The 1830 and 1840 census for Arkansas shows Moses Bland (eleventh generation) had one son only, Moses Bland (twelfth generation). He was born January 23, 1823. The date of his death is unknown.

¹ Obituary of Moses Bland, supplied by Berniece Mumford.

On July 28, 1842, Moses married Mary Ann Bland, and by her had two daughters (thirteenth generation), including Sarah A. Bland, born in 1844, and Nancy, born 1845-1846. Soon after the birth of Nancy, Mary Ann Bland died, and Moses Bland went off to fight in the Mexican-American War, doing military service in the Arkansas Mounted Regiment of Volunteers from June 15, 1846 to June 20, 1847. After mustering out of his military unit, Moses returned to Arkansas and married Rebecca Vandergrift. By her, Moses fathered three children (thirteenth generation), including Pauline, born 1849; James, whose birthdate is unknown; and Thomas C. Bland, who was born March 18, 1854 and died March 4, 1932. Thomas married, on November 23, 1873, to Selita Goodwin who was born April 3, 1850. Among other children born in this marriage was James Bland (fourteenth generation) who was born November 12, 1889 and died May 17, 1969. James Bland married January 31, 1909, but the name of his wife is not available to me.¹

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James Bland (Eleventh Generation)

The eldest son of William Bland (tenth generation) of Randolph County, North Carolina, was James Bland. James died in Lancaster Township, Jefferson County, Indiana, on May 4, 1832, with a notation on his tombstone that he was "age 58 years, 11 months and 13 days." If my math is correct, James would have been born May 21, 1773. Circumstantial evidence of his parentage indicates a father-son relationship

¹ Information about Moses Bland (eleventh and twelfth generation) and their descendants is included in an untitled paper supplied by Berniece Mumford, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and a one-page lineage called "Bland Family Line for James T. Bland," by Gladys Bland Foster. The latter documents indicate that James Bland had a son, Floyd Bland, born April 27, 1910, who in turn had a son, James T. Bland, born November 5, 1932.

between William and James. James is not mentioned in the will of Moses Bland in 1799, but by that time had left Randolph County. If he was born in Randolph County,¹ he almost certainly would have had to be the son of either Moses Bland (ninth generation) or William Bland (tenth generation). In the 1790 census Moses Bland's household included one male and one female (Moses and his wife, Jane), while William Bland's younger brother, Benjamin, was living alone. William, on the other hand, had three males over 16 living in his household in 1790. These would include James.

A final note is that there was interaction between the family of Moses and William Bland, and the Johnston and Needham families in Randolph County. There were, for example, two land transactions in Randolph County, North Carolina, in 1800 and 1801 between William Bland, and William and John Needham.²

These circumstances convince me that James Bland was the son of William Bland of Randolph County, North Carolina (tenth generation). As indicated above, his dates were 1773-1832. James Bland married on September 8, 1796, Jane Johnston, of Randolph County, North Carolina. In 1798, James and Jane moved to Ballard County, Kentucky, and in 1799, to Clark County, Indiana Territory. According to Jane Johnston's obituary, she was part of a move to organize a Methodist Episcopal Church in the Kentucky wilderness. The family lived in Clark County

¹ There is some disagreement about this. One school of thought is that he was born in York County, England, to William Bland and Catherine Morrill, of Harewood Parish. This to me is very problematical, absent any proof or even indirect evidence of his migration.

² Albert Hunter to William Graham Bland, April 21, 1981, citing Randolph County Deed Book 8, pp. 143, February 15, 1800, and 311, September 4, 1801.

without interruption from 1799-1812, but following an Indian massacre of whites at Pigeon Roost in September 1812, James removed his family, along with others, to Kentucky, where Jane and the children remained until February 1814, when James moved them to Big Creek, in now Lancaster Township in Jefferson County, Indiana Territory.

James was commissioned an officer in the Clark County Militia, hence he came to be known as Captain Bland.

The home of James Bland and Jane Johnston became a regular house of worship for their neighbors, and Jane was instrumental in helping form the Methodist Episcopal Church in Jefferson County, as she had been in Kentucky. Jane was born December 12, 1780, and died March 2, 1866. She was eulogized following her death:

Mother Bland...was a woman of superior mind and unwavering purpose, of active energy, unwavering zeal, of patient endurance; a kind friend, a safe counselor, in short a true and enlightened Christian woman. Many persons were relieved of their suffering by her medical skill...¹

By the account of this writer, James Bland and Jane Johnston had eleven children and 56 grandchildren at the time of her death.

The children of James Bland and Jane Johnston were (twelfth generation): Polly Bland, who was born in 1797, and married William Needham. There is an interesting connection between their daughter, Martha, and a Moses Bland who does not fit the Randolph County family, which will be discussed presently.² William Needham and Polly Bland were both buried in Ripley, Indiana.

The second child of James Bland and Jane Johnston was Jane Bland, who was born April 14, 1799 at Clark's Grant, Indiana, and died

¹ Obituary of Jane Johnston Bland, Dupont, Indiana, July 9, 1866, supplied the author by Elva Reitz, of Sun City, Arizona.

² Cf. pp. 361-364.

October 2, 1885 at Fall Creek, Hamilton County, Indiana. She married Samuel Whelchel in 1813. He died March 8, 1882, and is buried in Hamilton County with his wife. Their complete line of descendants is unknown to this writer, but one of their children (thirteenth generation) was Thomas Whelchel, whose daughter Alta Whelchel (fourteenth generation) married _____ Wynn and they were parents of Berniece Wynn, who married Charles Mumford.¹

The third child of James Bland and Jane Johnston was Rachel Bland (twelfth generation), who was born in 1802, and died in Jefferson County, Indiana. She married Robert Chapman.

The fourth child was Thomas Bland, who was born in 1804 or 1805, and died in Bigger Township, Jennings County, Indiana, in 1892. Thomas was a circuit rider and Methodist minister. He married Martha (Patsy) Bland who was born in 1803 in North Carolina, and died in Bigger Township in 1891. Thomas and Martha were married about 1825. They had a family of eight children (thirteenth generation), including:²

1. Francis Asberry Bland, who was born about 1827 and died in Jennings County, Indiana, September 22, 1907. He married Frances Anna Hall (1829-1860) in Jennings County on April 4, 1847. Their children were (fourteenth generation): John Hall Bland (March 25, 1848-November 14, 1906) who married Mary Catherine Hansell on January 19, 1871. They lived in Jennings County, and had six children. Thomas Eubank Bland (May 5, 1850-October 7, 1924). He married Elizabeth Jenny Adams on October 29, 1877. Benjamin Bland (February 4, 1853-October 12, 1946), never married.

¹ Berniece Mumford to Charles Bland, November 17, 1981.

² Information about the family of Thomas and Martha Bland is found in Family Group sheets, supplied the author by Jane Mitby, of Denver, Colorado.

Martha Ellen Bland (August 23, 1855-March 2, 1929), did not marry. Martin Chapman Bland (February 14, 1858-February 8, 1933), married on August 2, 1882, Jane C. Hansell. Frances Anna Hall died sometime before 1865, when Francis Asberry Bland remarried to Jane C. _____. Their children were Elizabeth (June 13, 1865-October 30, 1872), and Blanche, born and died in 1876.

2. Benjamin J. Bland, born about 1829, and died before 1870. He married a widow, Permelia Violet Kail, sometime before 1865, and they had two children (fourteenth generation): Charles, born in 1866, and Everett, born in 1869.

3. James Calvin Bland, born about 1831, and died in 1896. He married on March 29, 1855, Sarah M. Burge. They lived in Jennings County. Their children (fourteenth generation) included: Edgar Burge Bland, born in 1856. James Owner Bland (1858-1927), who married first, Emma Petrie, and second, Clara Idell Shepard. Sarah M. Bland, born in 1867. Charles Bland, born in 1864. Ada Bland, born 1866. Josephine Bland, born 1868. Thomas Bland, born 1870, died before 1880. Louisa Bland, born in 1872. Lucy Bland, born in 1875. Pearl (1879-1886).

4. William J. Bland was born about 1832 in Jennings County.

5. Thomas J. Bland was born about 1833 in Jennings County, and died after 1900 in Hendricks, Shelby County, Indiana. He married about 1862, Melissa Cole, and by her had the following (fourteenth generation) children: Leonard, born 1863; Anna, 1867; John, 1871; James, 1874; Orlando, 1877; and Sarah, 1879.

6. Elizabeth Bland was born in 1836 and died in 1870. She did not marry.

7. John O. (or A.) Bland, was born in 1838, and died after 1890, when he married Josephine Warren Park, his "last" wife,¹ who was the mother of a daughter, Mary E. (1892-1959).

8. Marion E. Bland was born in 1841. Nothing further is known about him.

Thomas Bland, fourth son of James Bland and Jane Johnston, was living in Bigger Township in 1850, numbered by the census taker as family 1360. His son, Francis Asberry, was numbered 1361. Numbers 1363 and 1364 were two brothers, Osborne and Meredith Bland. Osborne showed a birthplace of Kentucky, and Meredith indicated Virginia as his birthplace. Both listed John Bland and Mary Bland, from North Carolina, as their parents. John Bland could be a son of William or Benjamin Bland (tenth generation).

Osborne Bland was born in 1812, and died February 20, 1882, in Jennings County, Indiana. He married Mary Ann Clarkson, February 1836, and they were married by Thomas Bland (twelfth generation). Mary Ann Clarkson was born in Kentucky in 1814, and died also in 1882. The children of Osborne Bland and Mary Ann Clarkson were:

¹ Mrs. Mitby indicated that John had many wives, which also suggests he had many children who are not enumerated here.

Nancy Jane Bland, born 1837; Thomas Bland, born 1839; Noah Anthony Bland, born 1843 in Jennings County, and died in 1925. He married Mary Jane King about 1872, and had by her: John Collins; Morton Osborne; Frank; Lillie May; and Charles Saunders. Malvina, born in 1845, probably dead by 1860; Mary Eveline Bland, born 1847; Martha Ellen Bland, born in 1850 and died July 7, 1883. Martha married John Washington Anderson on January 1, 1867, and had children by him: Luther Osborne Bland, born 1854, married Eva _____ about 1881, and died about 1882. By 1900, Eva was living in Addison, Shelby County, Indiana. She and Osborne Luther had three children: William, "Ossie," and Everett.

Meredith Bland was born about 1813 in Virginia, and died after 1880 in Jennings County, Indiana. Meredith married Priscilla Burge, also born in 1813, but not mentioned in Meredith's will which was written in 1875, suggesting she was dead before then. They had a family of ten children, including: Eliza G. Bland, born in 1836, who married Thomas Eubank in March 1860; George Meredith, who was born in 1840; Nancy Elizabeth Bland, who married Leonard W. Cole about 1865. She was born in 1843 in Jennings County, and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1907. The Reverend Thomas Bland (twelfth generation) conducted their wedding.¹ Mary Bland was born in 1844, and died between 1865 and 1875. Margaret Bland, born 1849 and died before 1860. Benjamin M. F. Bland was born in 1851. Lucy Bland was born

¹ Among the children of Leonard Cole and Nancy Bland was Harry DeWitte Cole, who married Sarah Ann Williams. They were parents of Jane DeWitte Cole, who married Marcel Mitby in Denver, Colorado, on January 6, 1936.

in 1855. Ruth Bland was born in 1857, and Olive Bland was born after 1870.

The fifth child of James Bland and Jane Johnston was James Bland (twelfth generation), who was born September 28, 1806 in Clark's grant, Indiana, and died June 1, 1869, in Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa. He married on December 22, 1831, Sarah Nichols, who was born August 29, 1814. James Bland and Sarah Nichols had a family of six children (thirteenth generation), including: (1) Nancy Bland, who was born in 1833; (2) Mary Jane Bland; (3) Calvin Bland, who was born in 1840 (Calvin is said to have fought in the Civil War and died at Shiloh); (4) John S. Bland, born 1843; (5) Sarah E. Bland, born 1846; (6) Theresa Bland, born in 1849.

The second child, Mary Jane Bland (thirteenth generation) was born October 3, 1835, and died December 8, 1910. On September 25, 1853, she married Thomas L. McCammon (1829-1907) in Jefferson County, Indiana. Later, Thomas McCammon and Mary Jane Bland moved to Crescent, in Logan

County, Oklahoma. They lived in Jennings County, Indiana, however, until after the Civil War, and had there a family of five children (fourteenth generation), one of whom was Sarah Ellen McCammon (1854-1932) who married Samuel Marsh Spencer, May 12, 1872. Samuel Spencer and Sarah Ellen McCammon had a daughter (fifteenth generation), Fannie Spencer, who was born in 1874. She in turn married Joseph J. Griffith in 1894, and by him had seven children, the fifth of whom was (sixteenth generation) Elva Griffith Reitz.¹

The sixth child of James Bland and Jane Johnston was Nancy Bland, who was born in 1811. Nancy is said to have married a Bland, and to be buried with him in Vermillion County, Indiana.

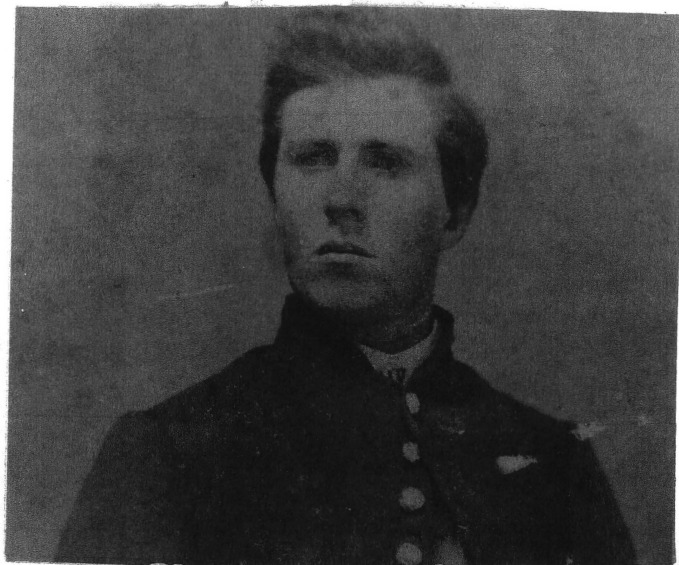
The seventh child of James Bland and Jane Johnston was William Bland, born about 1813, who died in his infancy and is buried in Jefferson County, Indiana. The eighth and ninth children, Phoebe, born June 30, 1816, married Dr. Daniel Chitwood, and Elizabeth, were said by Luella Bland, of Brownstown, Indiana, to be twins. Elizabeth Bland never married. The tenth child was Minerva Bland, whose birthdate is uncertain. Minerva married James Thomas. The eleventh child of James Bland and Jane Johnston was Francis Marion Bland. He was born, according to Luella Bland, October 18, 1824, and died November 1, 1909, in Jefferson County, Indiana.² Francis married Rachel Hall on February 6, 1851. Rachel was born in Ohio in 1833. Francis and Rachel had eight children (thirteenth generation), including: James Chitwood Bland, who married Luella Craft. Their daughter (fourteenth generation) was

¹ Elva Reitz to Charles Bland, November 21, 1981.

² Francis Marion Bland delivered a family historical paper at a Bland Reunion of 1900.

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Clockwise: William Bland, (1845-1883) son of William A. Bland and Mary Pennock (p. 350) courtesy of Max Kessinger; Jane Johnston Bland, (1780-1866) wife of Captain James Bland (1773-1832), (pp. 353-361), courtesy of Louella Bland and Jane Midtby; Mary Jane Bland McCammon, (1835-1910), grand daughter of James Bland and Jane Johnston (p. 359-360), courtesy of Elva Reitz.

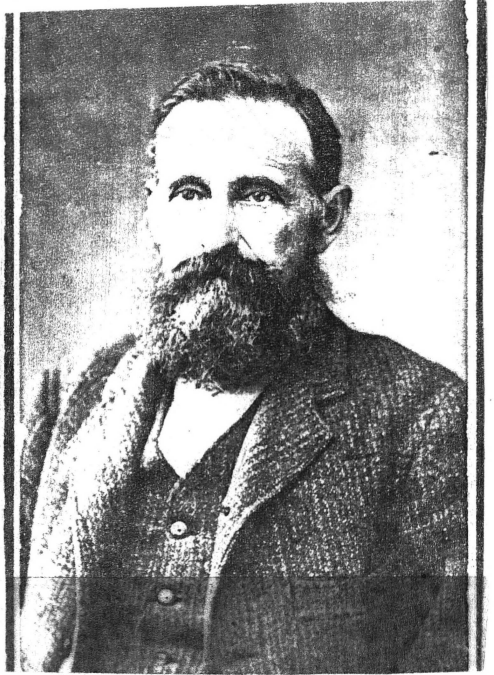


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James Omer Bland (1859-1927) and his second wife Sarah Idell Shepherd. James was the son of James Calvin Bland (1831-1896) who was a grandson of James Bland and Jane Johnston, (pp. 355-357, esp. 356, and Among Cousins Volume 8-1, pp. 16-18). Courtesy Mary Ella Day.



Left: Leonard Coles and Nancy Elizabeth Bland (1843-1907) on their wedding day, 1865 (p. 358), courtesy Jane Coles Midtby;
Right: Jacob Andrew Bland (1829-1903) and his wife Elizabeth J. Peed, (1831-1893), (pp. 365-366), courtesy Eleanore Hayes Smith.



Luella Bland, now living in Brownstown, Indiana;¹ Mary; William; John, born in 1859; Frank, born in 1861; Eva, born in 1864 in Indiana; Jennie Jane, born 1868 in Indiana; and Kenneth, born in 1869.

The Pennsylvania Connection

In my own research, I have not been able to find a source for the Bland family's use of the name Moses, and because of the huge gaps in early evidence, it is impossible to tell if the siblings of William Bland (eighth generation) in their own marriages, might have named their sons Moses. In 1758, a Moses Bland died in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, leaving a legacy to James and Margaret Reid, his executors.² In 1768, there was a Thomas Bland, who was receiving mail in Philadelphia.³ Such disparate notes do not make up a family pattern, but do give evidence that some of the 18th century Virginia Blands may have moved to Pennsylvania, and during the westward movement, met up with and married their cousins.

There does appear to be at least one evidence of this. The census of Jennings County, Indiana for 1850 shows the following family:

¹ Letter, Luella Bland to Charles Bland, November 1981.

² Dawson Notes, citing Lyngstedt, Vol. 2, p. 37.

³ Dawson Notes, citing Scott, Buried Data. Dawson Notes, citing J. F. Smith, A History of Kentucky, also indicates that a "Mos" Bland was captured by the Indians in 1782, in Kinchloe Station in Spencer County, Kentucky, but escaped, indicating that a Moses Bland was among the earliest settlers in Kentucky. The Kinchloe Station episode in the Bland family history will be discussed in greater detail in Chapter X.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Moses Bland	30	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Polly	36		North Carolina
George H.	9		Indiana
Samantha	6		Indiana
John W.	3		Indiana ¹

The prime researcher into this family is Mr. Robert Wheeler, of Lebanon, Oregon. Mr. Wheeler found in Oregon a record of marriage on March 15, 1837 in Bartholomew County, Indiana, between Moses Bland and Martha Needham. According to Mr. Wheeler, a Needham Family Genealogy indicates that she was the daughter of a Nancy Bland and John Needham, and that this Nancy Bland was the daughter of Moses Bland of Randolph County, North Carolina.

There are some inconsistencies here. Martha's birthdate in the marriage record indicates that she was born March 28, 1808 in Randolph County, North Carolina, but in the census of Jennings County, Indiana for 1850, she is enumerated as aged 36 (born 1814). Also, neither Moses (ninth or eleventh generation) had a daughter Nancy Bland, but James Bland (eleventh generation) and his wife, Jane Johnston, did have a daughter Polly Bland, born about 1797. Polly Bland (possibly a nickname) married William Needham. Now, William Bland (tenth generation), father of James Bland (1773-1832) and grandfather of Polly Bland (1797-), transacted business with both John and William Needham in Randolph County, North Carolina in 1800-1801.² Thus, although there is lack of precision in linking Martha Needham to the Randolph County Bland family, the evidence of westward movement to Indiana, her indication that she was born in Randolph County, and the substantia

¹ Letter, Robert Wheeler to Charles Bland, November 20, 1981.

² Randolph County Deed Book 8, February 15, 1800, p. 143, and February 4, 1801, p. 311.

interaction between the Bland and Needham family suggests tangibly that there was a connection.

So Moses Bland, born by his own acknowledgment about 1819 in Pennsylvania, died in Linn County, Oregon, September 18, 1873. He married on March 14, 1837 or 1838, Martha Needham, who was born by her account March 28, 1808 (1814 in the 1850 Census) in Randolph County, North Carolina, and died July 18, 1895 in Lebanon, Oregon.¹ Martha's obituary notice indicated that she had six children, but census records only recorded three born in 1840, 1843 and 1846. If the known Bland generations are applied, assuming that Polly, the first daughter of James Bland and Jane Johnston was Martha's mother, then Martha is thirteenth generation. The children of Moses and Martha then would be fourteenth generation through the maternal line.

George Hester Bland, the first child of Moses Bland and Martha Needham, was born November 9, 1840 in Indiana, and died in Lebanon, Linn County, Oregon in 1905. George married twice. His first wife was Barbara A. Leedy, whom he married in May 1862. One child, William A. Bland (fifteenth generation) was born in this marriage. William A. Bland later moved to Colorado. Barbara Leedy died in December 1864, and George Hester Bland remarried in January 1866 to Clara M. Powell. Clara died in April 1897. George Hester Bland and Clara M. Powell had four children (fifteenth generation): Matilda O. Bland, who married John Myler; Minnie L. Bland, who married Marion Needham; Samantha R. Bland, who married D. W. Lawrence; and Clara P. Bland.

The second child of Moses Bland and Martha Needham was Samantha Bland, who was born July 17, 1843, and died July 26, 1904, in Lebanon, Oregon. She married Ambrose Powell on February 25, 1864.

¹ John Needham and Nancy Bland had a family of thirteen children, including a son Moses

The third child of Moses Bland and Martha Needham was John Wesley Bland, who was born May 4, 1846 and died in Lebanon, Oregon, March 13, 1923. John Wesley Bland worked as a farmer and carpenter. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married, on September 28, 1865, Elizabeth Jane Powell. The children of this marriage were: Lillie Frances Bland, who died before 1903, and married twice, to Dexter Harris and Charles Blodgett; Merida Pete, or Meredith Bland, who married Laura Connett;¹ Saloma Bland, who married Homer Osburne; Carrie, who married William Calkins; Lucy Bland; Charles Bland; and Mae Bland.

The story of Moses Bland's move to Oregon with his family is told interestingly by Mr. Wheeler. A wagon train was formed by Jennings and neighboring counties in February 1851, for a trip across country. Among them were Moses Bland, Martha Needham and their family, some friends and neighbors. The wagons, pulled by oxen, with livestock being driven by riders on horseback, crossed the Missouri River and by spring had struck out across the western plains, with Oregon as their destination. The wagon train had a peaceful journey which took about six months. During the trip, they encountered no trouble with Indians who, at that time, were not disturbed by the migrants. Moses and Martha arrived at the Willamette Valley settlement on August 25, 1851, and then moved to Lebanon, where they received a donation grant of 305 acres.²

¹ Merida Pete Bland and Laura Connett were the grandparents of Robert Wheeler.

² Robert Wheeler indicates that Moses and Martha had with them five yoke of oxen, one cow, one mare, and two negro slaves. Mr. Wheeler notes that the two negro slaves "should be a clue to my Bland family. It was illegal to hold slaves either in Indiana or Oregon." Robert Wheeler to Charles Bland, November 20, 1981.

This Moses Bland is an instance where a Bland was born in Pennsylvania, met a North Carolina Bland descendant, and moved first to Indiana, then to Oregon. Another Pennsylvania connection that begins in the late 18th or early 19th century is that of William Bland, who was born at Philadelphia May 1, 1802 and died in Henry County, Indiana, April 17, 1886. William was a cooper by trade and a member of the Universalist Church. His relationship to the main branches of the Bland family, if any, is not clear.¹

William married, on November 2, 1827, Sarah Ann LaBoyteaux, who was born in Ohio September 25, 1805, and who died in Henry County, Indiana March 13, 1890. The marriage occurred at Cincinnati, Ohio. Subsequently, William and Sarah moved to Liberty Township in Henry County, Indiana, where they had a family of seven children, who included: Jacob Andrew Bland, who was born September 6, 1829 and died July 12, 1903 in Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas.² Jacob Andrew Bland married, on December 27, 1849, Elizabeth J. Peed, who was born May 31, 1831 and died June 22, 1893. Their children were: Lena, born in 1850, and Frank, born in 1853, both of whom died in infancy; Ora, born at Newcastle, Indiana, April 12, 1857 and died August 14, 1946. Ora married William E. Hayes in October 1879. William Hayes and Ora

¹ Eleanore Hayes Smith, of Tucson, Arizona, who descends from William, has information that suggests William Bland was the son of William Bland of London, who married Mary Rose of New Jersey. In a phone conversation I learned that Mrs. Smith obtained this information from a genealogist, and is uncertain of the substance of the connection between William of London, and William of Pennsylvania. Eleanore Hayes Smith to Charles Bland, November 17, 1981.

² Jacob Andrew Bland was a diarist, and mentions a cousin, Edward Bland of Little River, Kansas, who was the son of Landon Bland, who Mrs. Eleanore Hayes Smith believes was the brother of William Bland (1802-1886). Jacob Andrew Bland and Elizabeth Peed lived in Indiana until 1863, when they moved to Chariton, Iowa where they lived until 1874, when they moved to Great Bend.

Bland were the grandparents of Eleanore Hayes Smith. Other children of Jacob Andrew Bland and Elizabeth Peed were Carrie, born in 1860, who married Frank Brinson; and Effie Bland, who was born May 13, 1870 and died January 18, 1923. She married John Phillips.

The younger children of William Bland and Sarah Ann LaBoyteaux were Mary Ann Bland, who was born February 2, 1831, at New Castle, Indiana. She married Alexander L. G. Miller, May 25, 1856. Thomas D. Bland was born in 1834 in Indiana. He married on December 31, 1856, Eleanor J. Milliken, whose birthdate is unknown, but who died in 1903. William W. Bland was born in 1837 in Indiana, and he married September 1875, Mary E. Misener. Catherine Bland was born May 30, 1842 and died June 8, 1868. She was married to George H. Beck on September 27, 1863. John L. Bland was born in 1845 and married Sarah J. Hamilton on January 9, 1878. Clark, or Clarkson, Bland was born in 1847, and married Mary Hamby (or Hanby) May 6, 1871.¹

The family of Moses Bland (ninth generation) is obviously not nearly as well developed as that of his half-brother, James Bland (ninth generation, C.1707-1774), which seems to be unique in the intensity of genealogical interest among descendants. Yet it is interesting to note that the composition of Moses Bland's family was almost identical to that of James Bland. Both brothers had two sons. Moses had six daughters,² while James had five. There are many unanswered questions about the descendants of Moses Bland, one of the most

¹ The foregoing information was supplied the author by Eleanore Hayes Smith, letter dated November 17, 1981.

² It is possible that the Nancy Bland who married John Needham, and was the mother of Martha Needham, who married Moses Bland, was the daughter of Moses Bland (ninth generation). If she were married to John Needham by 1799, which is probable, Nancy's name may have been logically omitted from Moses' will.

critical ones being the relationship of the Moses Bland in Pennsylvania in 1758, to the Moses Bland of Randolph County, North Carolina.

Having discussed the first two known sons of William Bland (eighth generation), James (C.1707-1774) and Moses (C.1718-1799), and their descendants, it is time now to turn to William Bland's son Thomas.

Thomas Bland of Fauquier County, Virginia (Ninth Generation)

The third son of William Bland (eighth generation) and the second son by his marriage to Catherine Key, was Thomas Bland (ninth generation). The history of his family and his descendants has been researched by Urilla Bland, of Weston, West Virginia. This family comprises the main theme of Miss Bland's "Additional Collections for the Ancient Family of Bland."¹

The exact birthdate of Thomas Bland is not recorded, but it is fairly easy to establish his birth at about 1719. In 1740, he was a creditor in the estate of Francis Stone, for a very small amount, and four years later in 1744, he served as a witness to a deed in Fairfax County.² To serve as a witness to a deed, he would have had to be twenty-one. Further, Francis Stone's debt to him was so small that if he had been a minor, it is doubtful the amount would have been recorded in an estate settlement. Remember also, that Thomas' father William Bland (eighth generation) married Catherine Key on

¹ James Edgar Brown, Genealogy of The Brown Family (1930), pp. 548-569, and passim, also deals extensively with Thomas Bland and his descendants, especially Thomas Bland (tenth generation) and his wife, Sarah Byrne.

² Dawson notes, citing Dorman, pp. 91-92, and NGSQ, p. 114.

February 6, 1716/1717. Moses Bland (C.1718-1799) was the eldest son of William and Catherine. The above information then makes it a safe bet that Thomas was born about 1719.¹ It is a matter of record that Thomas died sometime between April 1, 1788, when he made his will, and September 22, 1788, when his will was proved.² As an adult, traces of Thomas are found in Dettingen Parish, Prince William County in 1748.³ By 1759, or 1760, it was evident that Thomas Bland owned property on the Occoquan near Bull Run, and that his property was near a road to Loudon County, Virginia.⁴ It is also obvious that Thomas was involved in land transactions in King and Queen County, with a man who could have been his younger brother William, and perhaps owned land there as early as 1771.⁵

During the American Revolution, Thomas enlisted, perhaps as early as 1776, for a three-year tour of service as a sergeant in the First Virginia Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant Burgess Bell. He served

¹ There was a Thomas Bland who was contemporary to Thomas of Prince William and Fauquier, Virginia, who evidently lived in York County, Virginia, and was a Colonel in the American Revolution. No more is known of him. He may have been a member of the James River family, or might have migrated during the 18th century, after settlement of the James River and Stafford County families. Dawson notes, citing Bell, p. 52, and Dorman, Vol. 21, p. 31.

² UMB-1, p. 65, citing Fauquier County Will Book 2, p. 136.

³ Vestry Book of Prince William County, Dettingen Parish, November 1748, Dawson notes.

⁴ Dawson notes, citing The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 20, pp. 42, 287-288.

⁵ Dawson notes, citing The Virginia Gazette June 27, 1771, and E. G. Chamberlayne, Vestry Book of Stratton Manor Parish, King and Queen County, Virginia, 1729-1783, pp. 214, 228. Cf. pp. 392-396.

from May 1, 1777 to November 1, 1779, and 1785 and 1786, received back pay and a warrant for military service.¹

Some insight into the religious life of Thomas Bland as well as his political and perhaps ideological outlook on the eve of the American Revolution is provided by a "Petition of Prince William County Baptists," vestrymen of the Occoquan Baptist Church, on May 19, 1776, which was signed by Thomas Bland and James Born Bland, who might have been a cousin. The petition called for freedom for the parish vestrymen to worship God without interruption, to elect and maintain their own ministers, and freedom from payment to any other religious denomination (e.g., the Church of England) for burials, marriages, etc.²

Thomas apparently received a fairly generous bequest from his father when the latter died, for he left 449 acres of land to his own son Thomas (tenth generation).³ In addition, in 1780, Thomas and his

¹ UMB-1, p. 66, citing Virginia State Library War Vol. 4, p. 121. Virginia State Library Auditor's Account Book, Vol. XXVII, p. 274, U.S. War Department Records, and Sons of the Revolution Papers of Robert Linn Bland. Cf. Dawson notes, citing Brumbaugh, p. 22. Fleet Vol. 4, pp. 1, 40. It is possible that some references to Thomas Bland in King and Queen County may refer to a son of William Bland of that county. Cf. pp. 392-396.

² VMHB, Vol. 18 (1910), pp. 38-39.

³ See will of Thomas Bland that follows.

wife sold land on, and a mill located on the north side of the Occoquan for a sum of "8,000 pounds of current money" (pounds sterling).¹ In 1777, Thomas and his son Henry leased and released to Moses Davis, 100 acres of land south of the Occoquan that had been given to Thomas by his father.² In 1778, Thomas acquired four slaves, a woman named Phyllis and her children, Nell Grace and Charles.³

County lines shifted so that, although Thomas' residence did not change, by the time of his will in 1788 he resided in Fauquier County. His will is important in the linkages that document his family in later generations and therefore it seems worthwhile to print it in full:

In the name of God, Amen: I, Thomas Bland, of the County of Fauquier and the State of Virginia, being sick in body but of perfect sense and memory...do make this my last will and testament...

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Bland, all my tract of land lying and being in Prince William County on the Waters of Powell's Run, to him and his heirs forever, except the lot of land lying and being on the waters of Powell's Run in Prince William County, whereon William Cornell now lives, containing one hundred and thirty-acres. Item. I give and bequeath to my youngest son James Bland, all that lot of land lying and being on the waters of Powell's Run in Prince William County whereon William Cornell now lives, to him and his heirs forever, the said land containing one hundred and thirty acres. Item. I give and bequeath to my youngest son James Bland all my right and title to the land whereon I now live, which said land I leased of Benjamin Harrison and lies in Fauquier County. Item. I give my said son

¹ Prince William Deed Book U, pp. 100-101, May 2, 1780, cited in UMB-1, pp. 66-67, and Dawson notes.

² Prince William Deed Book T, 1733-1800, pp. 361, 363. Cited in Dawson notes.

³ UMB-1, pp. 66-67. See will of Thomas Bland, April 1, 1788, above.

the colt my bay riding mare is now with foal with.
 Item. I give and bequeath to my daughters Catherine
 and Mary Bland, two negroes named Nell and Moses to
 them and their heirs forever. I likewise give to
 my daughter, Mary Bland, one featherbed and furniture.
 Item. I give to my son Thomas Bland and his heirs,
 one negro woman named Phyllis. Item. I give unto
 my son James the rents of the two plantations whereon
 Humphrey Colvert and William Cornell now live for
 six years next ensuing the date of my decease, which
 said rents my desire is that my executors shall apply
 to the education of my son James Bland, and to no
 other use. All other my estate, my desire is, shall
 be sold in order to discharge my just debts...I nom-
 inate, constitute and appoint my loving wife Jane
 Bland and Thomas Bland and Benjamin Harrison, Executrix
 and Executors to this my last Will and Testament...
 this first day of April, 1788.¹

According to Urilla Bland, the Jane Bland who was Thomas' wife
 was the widow of Joseph Smith, so she was Jane _____ Smith Bland.
 There is no information, and no reliable means to deduce the inform-
 ation about when Jane was born or when she married Thomas. Jane died
 sometime between 1797 and 1802.²

Thomas Bland (ninth generation) and Jane _____ Smith had seven
 children, all tenth generation. They were: Henry Bland; Elizabeth
 Bland Stone; Nancy Bland Harding; Thomas Bland; James Bland; Catherine
 Bland; and Mary Bland. In the will of 1788, specific bequests are
 made to Thomas Bland and to James Bland, "my youngest son," and to

¹ Will of Thomas Bland, made April 1, 1788, proved September 22, 1788. Fauquier County Will Book 2, p. 136. Copies of the will were provided the author by Urilla Bland and Albert Hunter. The will is quoted fully in Brown, pp. 559-560. Cf. Prince William Deed Book X, May 2, 1792, p. 122, in which division is certified of land deeded by the proprietor to William Bland (eighth generation) in 1726, which was bequeathed to his son Thomas, who in turn bequeathed 130 acres to his minor son James in 1788 (suggesting that James was born in 1771), and 448 acres to Thomas Bland (tenth generation).

² UMB-1, p. 65, citing Fauquier County Will Book 3, p. 387.

daughters Catherine and Mary. No bequests were left to Henry, Elizabeth or Nancy. Evidence for their linkage to Thomas and Jane Bland are provided from other sources. On October 6, 1777, Thomas and his son Henry were involved in a land transaction previously mentioned. In addition, Henry Bland was living in King and Queen County in 1782. Who Henry married, if anyone, and the names of his descendants, are not known. Regarding Elizabeth, Thomas, on May 2, 1785, deeded a slave girl named Grace to Elizabeth Stone, wife of Spilsby Stone, and identifies Elizabeth as his daughter.¹ Nancy Bland received from her father on May 2, 1785, a slave boy named Peter, and she is identified as Nancy Harding, wife of George Harding of Stafford County, and daughter of Thomas Bland. Other information, probably relying on the same primary source, shows that Nancy Bland married George Harding, of Stafford, about 1785.²

James Bland was a minor of about seventeen when his father died.³ James Bland later married Susannah Starke,⁴ on July 19, 1800, in Fauquier County. Nothing is known of them but that they were still living in Fauquier County when on September 5, 1803, they deeded the land that had been reserved to James by his father in 1788, to one Jane Kempe.⁵

¹ UMB-1, pp. 67-68, citing Prince William Deed Book W, p. 108.

² UMB-1, p. 68, citing same source as on p. 370, note 3, and Dawson notes, citing Lyngstedt, Vol. 10, p. 23.

³ Cf. UMB-2, p. 65.

⁴ Nancy Chappale and John Gott, Early Fauquier County, Virginia Marriage Records 1759-1854 (1965), p. 12.

⁵ Dawson notes, citing Fauquier Deed Book I, 1800-1802, p. 190. Cf. p. 367, note 1.

TABLE XXIV

THE FAMILY OF THOMAS BLAND OF FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA: FIVE GENERATIONS

(10-1)	Henry Bland (C. 1756-)	(10-2)	(7) James Bland (C. 1655-1708)	(10-3)	(1) _____ (2) Margaret _____	(10-)	Daughters: Elizabeth Bland, mar- ried Spilsby Stone. Nancy Bland, married George Harding. Catherine Bland. Mary Bland.
			(8) William Bland (C. 1686-1744)		(1) Catherine Key, February 6, 1716/1717.		
			(9) Thomas Bland (C. 1719-1788)		Jane _____ Smith.		
			Thomas Bland (C. 1765-1792), married Sarah Byrne about 1785.		James Bland (C. 1771-living in 1803), married Susannah Starke.		
			(11-1) John Buckner Bland (C. 1787- 1868), married Ann Lewis Bridgeford.				
			(11-2) Samuel Bland (C. 1789/1790- 1815), did not marry.				
			(11-3) Thomas Bland (1793-1867), married Mary Newton.				

TABLE XXV

THE FAMILY OF JOHN BUCKNER BLAND OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: FIVE GENERATIONS

		(1) <u>William Bland</u> (C. 1686-1744)		(2) <u>Catherine Key</u> , February 6, 1716/1717.
		(9) <u>Thomas Bland</u> (C. 1719-1788)		Jane _____ Smith.
		(10) <u>Thomas Bland</u> (C. 1765-1792)		<u>Sarah Byrne</u> (1768-1831), about 1785.
		(11) <u>John Buckner Bland</u> (C. 1787-1868)		<u>Anne Lewis Bridgeford</u> (1798-1891), November 6, 1820.
(12-1)	(12-2)	(12-3)	(12-4)	(12-5)
<u>Thomas Bland</u> (1821-died young).	<u>Harriet Bland</u> (1823-died before 1894), married (1) <u>William C. Francis</u> ; and (2) <u>Alfred Riley</u> .	<u>Theodore Bland</u> (1825-died after 1894), married <u>Sallye G. Wilson</u> .	<u>Matilda Bland</u> (1827-died by 1894), married <u>William Burkhardt</u> .	<u>Patrick Henry Bland</u> (1829-living in 1894), married <u>Emma Wise</u> .
(12-6)	(12-7)	(12-8)	(12-9)	(12-10)
<u>Emily Bland</u> (1831-died young).	<u>John V. Bland</u> (1833-living in 1894), married <u>Mary Miller</u> .	<u>Thomas Bland</u> (1835-died young).	<u>William Bland</u> (1837-dead by 1894), married _____.	<u>Preston Bland</u> (1839-living in 1894), married <u>Jennie Chenoweth</u> .

Thomas Bland (Tenth Generation)

The remaining child, and second son of Thomas Bland (ninth generation) and Jane _____ Smith was Thomas Bland (tenth generation). Urilla Bland estimates that Thomas was born about 1765. Thomas was perhaps the first of the line running from James (seventh generation) to William (eighth generation) to Thomas (ninth generation), to move away from the Quantico Creek area, or to attempt to do so. One may recall that in his father's estate of 1788, Thomas had inherited 448 acres, being "all my tract of land lying and being in Prince William County on the waters of the Occoquan,"¹ excepting land presently lived upon by another party. On May 3, 1792, Thomas deeded these 448 acres, described as "both sides of the middle fork of Powell's Run,"² to Samuel Byrne, his father-in-law. Thomas had married, about 1785 or 1786, Sarah "Sally" Byrne, Samuel's daughter, who was born on February 16, 1768, in Prince William County, Virginia, and died March 7, 1831 near Reedsville in Preston County, now West Virginia.

The sale of the 448 acres to his father-in-law was evidently a means for Thomas of raising money to move his wife and family to Kentucky, with the notion of settling near his wife's relations. He left on the journey in November 1792 with his wife, who was then pregnant, and their two small sons and some slaves. When the party reached Winchester, Virginia, Thomas grew chill, fell desperately ill, and died the same night. By Brown's account, Thomas had reached the home of Sarah's

1 P. 371, note 1.

2 Prince William County Deed Book Y, p. 122, cited in Brown, p. 603.

relatives when he became ill. He did not die suddenly, but one day was sitting at a well when a slave man walked by. Thomas, apparently burning with fever, asked the slave to pour three or four buckets of water over his head. The water was intensely cold and Thomas Bland died a few hours later. Thomas is buried at Winchester, Virginia, and his approximate dates then are C.1765-1792).¹

After burying Thomas Bland, his widow Sarah returned to the home of her parents, in Prince William County, where on January 19, 1793, her son Thomas Bland (eleventh generation 1793-1867) was born. During the same year, 1793, Sarah's father died. In 1794, Sarah, with her widowed mother Clarissa "Clary" Byrne, and her three young sons, went again to the home of John Fairfax at Winchester, Virginia, where they both subsequently met new husbands. In 1794 or 1795, Saray Byrne Bland met and married Jacob Zinn.²

During their brief marriage, Thomas Bland (tenth generation, C.1765-1792) and Sarah Byrne (1768-1831) had the following children (all eleventh generation): John Buckner Bland, who was born about 1787 in Prince William County, Virginia, and died April 8, 1868, in Louisville, Kentucky; Samuel Bland, born about 1789 or 1790, who served as a private in the War of 1812, and died about 1815 at the home of his relative, John Anthony Buckner, near Parkersburg, Virginia, enroute to his home (Samuel was unmarried when he died); and Thomas Bland, the

¹ The story of Thomas' preparation for his trip west and his death is told in UMB-1, p. 69. The facts are generally corroborated by evidence in Brown, pp. 64, 89, 108, 573, 603.

² UMB-1, pp. 69-70, and Brown, pp. 89-90, 177. UMB-1, pp. 70-71 and 75-90, provides a brief sketch of the ancestry of Jacob Zinn.

child that Sarah Bland was carrying when her husband died. He was born on January 19, 1793 in Prince William County, Virginia, and died July 11, 1867 at Jane Lew, West Virginia.¹

John Buckner Bland (Eleventh Generation)

John Buckner Bland (1787-1868, eleventh generation) as a young man moved west to Louisville, Kentucky. Enroute, he stopped in Morgantown, Virginia (now West Virginia) and learned the cooper and silversmith trade. According to Urilla Bland, he stayed for a short time at Weston, West Virginia, "with his brother Thomas in the Bland Hotel, assisting his nephew Theodorick Bland, who was acting as deputy sheriff of Lewis County at the time."² Following this interlude, he moved on to Louisville, Kentucky where he married Ann Lewis Bridgeford on November 26, 1820. Ann was born on August 27, 1798, and died October 30, 1891 in Louisville, Kentucky.

The children of the marriage of John Buckner Bland (eleventh generation, 1787-1868) and Ann Lewis Bridgeford (1798-1891) were as follows (all twelfth generation):

(1) Thomas Bland, born in 1821 and died in infancy; (2) Harriet Bland, born in 1823. The date of her death is unknown, but she was dead by 1894. She married first, Captain William Chertis Francis in

¹ UMB-1, pp. 71, 72, 74, 91, and Brown, pp. 89-90. In a letter to Mary Lorentz, Theodore Bland stated that Thomas and Sarah had a son Andrew, but no one ever knew anything about him. Neither Brown nor Urilla Bland make any mention of him. If there was an Andrew Bland, perhaps he died young. Theodore Bland said to Mary Lorentz, "one or both of the brothers, Samuel and Andrew, were blown up and killed in the fort at the same time General Pike was killed." Brown notes that Samuel served at Fort Meigs, Virginia.

² UMB-1, p. 72, and Brown, p. 90.

1850, and second, Alfred A. Riley. (3) Theodore Bland, born March 17, 1825 in Louisville, Kentucky.¹ The date of his death is uncertain, but as an adult he moved away from Louisville, and on March 24, 1862 married Sallie Garnett Wilson in Cameron, Texas. Sallie Garnett Wilson died June 29, 1884. In his letter to Mary Lorentz, Theodore Bland recalled that over fifty years before 1894, he had been a citizen of Weston:

...I suppose the changes that have taken place since then in individuals, general appearance of the town, and the extended limits of the town are so great that I should scarcely recognize the town, if I should again visit it, nor could I hope to enjoy a visit, when all the familiar landmarks and nearly all the familiar faces of my companions and associates live only in memories of the past.²

The children of Theodore Bland (twelfth generation) and Sallie Garnett Wilson were (thirteenth generation): John Buckner Bland; Robert Theodore Bland; and Mary Letitia Bland.

(4) Matilda Bland was born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1827. The date of her death is uncertain, but she was dead by 1894. Matilda married William Burkhardt and by him had a daughter, Emily Burkhardt, who married Harvey Thomas. Harvey and Emily lived in Cincinnati and Louisville, and both were killed in an automobile accident on March 30, 1927, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Urilla Bland indicates that Harvey

¹ Theodore wrote a letter to his cousin, Mary Lorentz, on March 23, 1894, in which he thanked her for her letter dated March 17, 1894, "my 69th birthday." Brown, pp. 556-557.

² Brown, pp. 558-559.

and Emily had three children, including Anna Thomas, who later married Richard W. Donigan. She was a close correspondent and friend in genealogical research with Robert Linn Bland (1868-1957).¹

(5) Patrick Henry Bland, who was born in Louisville in 1829. His date of death is unknown, but he was living in 1894. Patrick married Emma Wise, a native of Terre Haute, Indiana. Patrick and Emma had a daughter Virginia, who married Chisley Jackson.

(6) Emily Bland, who was born in 1831 and died young.

(7) John V. Bland, born in Louisville in 1833, who married Mary Miller. In 1894, Theodore Bland, his brother, indicated that John and Mary had a family of five children.

(8) Thomas Bland, who was born in Louisville in 1835, and died young.

(9) William Bland, born in 1837, lived to adulthood and married, but was dead by 1894.

(10) Preston Bland, born in 1839, married Jennie Chenoweth but had no issue by her. He was living in 1894.²

Thomas Bland (Eleventh Generation)

The third child of Thomas Bland (tenth generation) and Sarah Byrne was Thomas Bland, who was born after the death of his father on January 19, 1793, at Dumfries, Prince William County, Virginia, and died July 11, 1867 at Jane Lew, Virginia. Thomas was an infant when

¹ UMB-1, p. 73. Cf. discussion in Chapter VI, pp. 196 ff.

² This outline of the family of John Buckner Bland and Ann Lewis Bridgeford is found in UMB-1, pp. 72-74. Inasmuch as this was not Urilla Bland's direct line of descent, it is offered by her only in skeletal form. Aside from excerpts in Theodore Bland's 1894 letter to Mary Lorentz (Brown, pp. 556-559) I have seen no other references to this line, which is in need of a genealogist.

his mother remarried to Jacob Zinn who was, in effect, the only father Thomas ever knew. He grew up alongside his half-brothers and sisters and served in the War of 1812 as a private in the Infantry, Sixth Regiment of Virginia Militia. He was discharged from the service on August 13, 1814.¹ As a soldier in that war, Thomas was present at the siege of Fort Meigs, where his nephew Theodore later claimed his brothers Samuel and Andrew were killed. Thomas Bland was a tanner and one of the founders of what is now Weston, West Virginia, lifetime home of Urilla Bland.² He was an extensive landowner; he built, lived in and managed the first hotel in Weston (called Bland's Hotel, or Weston Inn, which burned to the ground in 1886). He built a large grist mill and operated a tannery near the hotel. He was Deputy Sheriff of Lewis County. He was a vestryman in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was one of the original directors of the first bank in Weston, established on July 26, 1852. He was a school commissioner for Lewis County, and also was a political man. First, he was a Justice of the Peace and Mayor of Weston. He served in the Virginia Assembly, first in the House of Delegates (1823-1827), and later in the Senate (1838-1844), and he was his district's representative at the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1850. He was an elector for the Jackson-Van Buren ticket in 1832. Perhaps his most substantial contribution to history was in his request that an unknown young man named Thomas Jackson, whom he claimed was "of good demeanor and upright deportment,"

¹ Brown, pp. 562-565.

² UMB-1, p. 96.

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Thomas Bland (1793-1867)



Mary Newlon Bland
(1796-1879)



Courtesy: Urilla Moore Bland.

TABLE XXVIThe Family of Thomas Bland of Weston Virginia(Now West Virginia): Five Generations

(8) William Bland (C1686-1744)	=	(1) _____ (2) Catherine Key
(9) Thomas Bland (C1719-1788)	=	Jane _____ Smith
(10) Thomas Bland (C1765-1792)	=	Sarah Byrne (1768-1831)
(11) Thomas Bland (1793-1867)	=	Mary Newlon (1796-1879)
(12-1)	(12-2)	(12-3)
William John Bland (1816-1897) Married Columbia Madison (-1901)	Theodorick Granville Bland(C1818-1845)	Minerva Ann Bland (1821-1895) married Matthew Edmiston
(12-4)	(12-5)	(12-6)
Amanda Bland (1824-1907) Married John Brannon (1821-1901)	Thomas Bland (1829-1834)	Mary Sisson Bland (1832-1886)Married Jacob Lorentz
(12-7)	(12-8)	
Edward Bland (1835-1907) Married Lavina Evans	Newton Benton Bland (1839-1896) married Mary Sophronia Jane Linn (1841-1910)	John Thomas Bland (1842-1876)

be admitted to West Point.¹ This young man was admitted to West Point in 1842, and became known to Civil War historians as Stonewall Jackson.

On December 10, 1815, Thomas Bland married Mary Newlon, of Loudon County, Virginia.² They were married at Pruntystown, Harrison County, Virginia, which is now Lewis County, West Virginia. Mary Newlon was born on May 1, 1796 and died December 31, 1879.³ Both Thomas and Mary were buried in the Old Hill Cemetery in Weston.

Thomas Bland (1793-1867, eleventh generation) and Mary Newlon (1796-1879) had a family of nine children. They were all twelfth generation and as follows:

(1) William John Bland (1816-1897); (2) Theodorick Granville (1818-1845); (3) Minerva Bland (1821-1895); (4) Amanda Bland (1824-1907); (5) Thomas Bland (1829-1834); (6) Mary Sisson Bland (1832-1886); (7) Edwin Sloane Bland (1835-1907); (8) Newton Benton Bland (1839-1896); (9) John Thomas Bland (1842-1876).

William John Bland (twelfth generation) was born on November 10, 1816 at Kingswood, Virginia, and died at Clarksburg, West Virginia on February 17, 1897. His early life was spent in Lewis County, Virginia, where, according to his own memory, his grandmother, Sarah Byrne Bland

¹ In UMB-1, pp. 91-94, Urilla Bland serializes the achievements of her great-grandfather, Thomas Bland (1793-1867). Cf. Brown, pp. 562, 564-565.

² UMB-1, p. 91. The fact that Mary Newlon was from Loudon County, Virginia, which was adjacent to Prince William and Fauquier, as well as Fairfax, is indicative of the close ties the Bland family had to the Loudon area.

³ The genealogy of the Newlon family is discussed in depth by Urilla Bland. Cf. UMB-1, pp. 121-173.

Zinn, read Bible stories to him.¹ He received a common school education and in the 1830's was Deputy Sheriff of Lewis County (his brother, Theodorick Granville, was the Sheriff). At age seventeen, he began the study of medicine and graduated from the Louisville, Kentucky School of Medicine in 1842. He became the first physician in Weston, Virginia. William John Bland was an active Democrat in politics, and served as Justice of the Peace in 1846, and as a school commissioner. When the Civil War began, William John Bland volunteered for the Confederate Army as a surgeon in the 31st Virginia Infantry, and became Chief Surgeon of William L. Jackson's brigade of Lomax's division.² Urilla Bland tells an interesting story about the home of William John Bland in Weston, which he had purchased in 1853, a story which will be told when discussing William John Bland's wife. Following the Civil War, William John Bland represented Lewis County three times in the State Legislature and from 1881-1889, was Superintendent of the West Virginia State Hospital for the Insane at Weston.

On February 17, 1858, William John Bland married Mrs. Columbia Ann Madison Jackson Duncan at Clarksburg, Virginia. Columbia's birth-date is unknown but she died April 1, 1901 at Clarksburg, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Judge John George Jackson and his second wife, Mary Meigs. Both in her birth and marriage, Columbia was tied to considerable wealth and political prestige in Virginia and Ohio.³ Her obituary saluted her in grand Victorian style:

¹ Brown, pp. 562, 566, and UMB-1, pp. 94-108.

² Citing Bosworth's History of Randolph County in UMB-1, p. 95, Urilla Bland states that in an army of 4,000, when confronted with the necessity of a dangerous scouting feat, Dr. William Bland was one of only five men who volunteered for the mission.

³ UMB-1, pp. 94-95. Urilla Bland discusses Columbia's ties through birth and her marriage.

This grand old lady was adorned by all of the queenly graces of true and noble womanhood. She was beyond question in early life one of the most charmingly beautiful women in the country, highly educated, a fine conversationalist, kind, gentle, and charitable. Her distinguished father's high position in society afforded her the opportunity to become such a cultured woman.¹

Lest one mistake this eulogy as a sort of epitome of Victorian "True Womanhood," let it be known that beneath all that kindness, gentility and charity, there breathed a lot of fire and steel that ranks this lady high on the list of notable women who married Bland men, right along with Susan Deblere and her daughters-in-law, Sarah Green of London, and Anna Bennett of Virginia. Urilla Bland relates a feature story in a recent issue of the "Weston Democrat" from which the following is paraphrased:

It seems that William John Bland purchased in July 1853, a house in Weston which had been built at about the time of the founding of Weston. On May 1, 1863, he conveyed the property to his wife. Now William John Bland was a Southern sympathizer, obviously, but his marriage was one of those which highlighted the truly tragic nature of this unique war, for his wife was the granddaughter of a Governor of Ohio, who was a close friend of a fairly influential man of his day, Abraham Lincoln.

This was the time between the northern victories that began to accumulate at the end of 1862, the sudden surge of Northern morale that was infused in its troops and citizens following Lincoln's issue of the Emancipation Proclamation, and the battle of Chancellorsville, which claimed the life of that young man Thomas Bland had recommended

¹ UMB-1, pp. 95-96.

to West Point, Stonewall Jackson. Jackson's death and the cataclysmic (for the Confederacy) battle of Gettysburg the following July ended the few remaining tactical and strategic chances that the outgunned, outnumbered and outpoliticked Southern nation had. But even in May, for those really in the know, the South was doomed. It was against this backdrop that William John Bland wisely deeded his home to his wife, not knowing among other things whether he would survive the war.

Within a week of this event, a General Roberts marched into Weston with his troops and commandeered the Bland home as his headquarters. Originally, Roberts allowed Mrs. Bland and her children to use two rooms of the house that were out of the way, but presently he sent word that they were to be sent to Camp Chase, a federal internment camp in Ohio. Mrs. Bland confronted Roberts who, as the story goes, had his boots propped up against her fine furniture, and curtly told him that she was not going to Camp Chase but to the home of her grandfather, Governor Meigs, of Ohio. This consummate bit of name-dropping prompted Roberts to provide special transportation for Mrs. Bland to make her trip to Ohio. After she related the story to her grandfather, and he to Abe Lincoln, General Roberts quit the Bland house and was relieved of his command. Mrs. Bland returned to Weston and her home, and lived there without event until the war was over. Quite a lady!¹

William John Bland (twelfth generation) and Columbia Ann Madison Jackson Duncan Bland had two children (thirteenth generation): Meigs Bland (1859-1934) and William Thomas Bland (1861-1928). Meigs Bland was born on June 9, 1859 at Weston, Virginia, and died at Richmond,

¹ This story is recounted in UMB-1, pp. 96-98.

Virginia in February or March 1934. He was trained at the University of West Virginia and Kenyon College, in Ohio, and became first a school teacher in Weston, and later, Assistant Principal of the Weston High School. He trained for law at the University of Virginia in 1883 and graduated from the University of West Virginia Law School in 1884. Later, he moved to Atcheson, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri. According to James Edgar Brown, whose genealogy of the Brown family was published in 1930, Meigs was still in Kansas City, but he evidently moved again to Richmond, Virginia, where he died in 1934. Meigs Bland married Louisa (or Lutie) Houston Allen on June 23, 1886, at Buchannon, West Virginia.¹ During their marriage, they had one child (thirteenth generation), William John Bland, who was born on April 20, 1887 and died in battle during World War I, at the battle of St. Mihiel, France, on September 12, 1918. He had graduated from Kenyon College, probably about 1908. During his military service, he attained the rank of Major.²

The second child of William John Bland (twelfth generation) and Columbia Ann Madison Jackson Duncan Bland was William Thomas Bland, who was born November 3, 1861 at Weston, West Virginia, and died in

¹ Meigs Bland biography is from Brown, pp. 566-567. UMB-1, pp. 98-103, details the lineage of Louisa Allen.

² UMB-1, pp. 103-106, and VMHB, Vol. 27 (1919), p. 74. Urilla Bland includes several eulogistic pieces on this William James Bland (thirteenth generation). His brief life is also treated by Brown, pp. 567-568. The 1900 census of Atcheson County, Kansas, shows Meigs Bland, age 41; "Birdie," age 31, born in Kansas; and William M. Bland, born 1894 in Kansas. Also in the household was W. F. Bland, born January 1861, Meig's brother. "Birdie" was William's wife.

Orlando, Florida on January 24, 1928. He graduated from the University of West Virginia in 1884 with a degree in law, was admitted to the Virginia bar and practiced at Weston. In 1887, he moved to Atcheson, Kansas and served variously as County Attorney, Mayor, and Circuit Court Judge for two terms. In 1901 he retired from politics and started a drug business. In 1904 he moved the business to Kansas City, and took along some 350 employees, thus establishing himself quickly as a leader in business. He was the U. S. Congressman of the Fifth Missouri District from 1918-1920, after which time, he moved to Orlando Florida and lived out his life there.

In 1891 or 1892, Judge Bland married Bertha (Birdie" Helen McPike, of Atcheson, Kansas, who was born on May 2, 1868, and died at Orlando, Florida September 28, 1944.¹ Their only child was William Thomas Bland (fourteenth generation) who was born on November 27, 1894, who was evidently still living in 1974.

William Thomas Bland (fourteenth generation) married Aura May Wimer (born May 25, 1898, date of death unknown) on December 22, 1924.²

Let us now return to the second child of Thomas Bland (eleventh generation) and Mary Newlon. He was Theodorick Granville Bland (twelfth generation) who was born in 1818 or 1819, and died July 15, 1845.³ He was the county sheriff of Weston in the 1830's, and lived at his father's hotel. His deputy was a cousin, Theodore Bland (1825-1869). Theodorick never married.⁴

1 Ibid.

2 UMB-1, pp. 107-108, and Brown, p. 569.

3 Theodorick's tombstone stated that he died "in his 27th year." UMB-1, p. 108.

4 Ibid. Cf. Brown, pp. 558, 565.

The third child, and first daughter of Thomas Bland (eleventh generation) and Mary Newlon was Minerva Ann Bland (twelfth generation) who was born September 16, 1821 and died July 23, 1895. On February 13, 1840, Minerva married Judge Matthew Edmiston and they had seven children. Minerva lived her entire life and died in Weston, West Virginia.¹

The fourth child, and second daughter of Thomas Bland and Mary Newlon was Amanda Bland (twelfth generation) who was born at Weston, January 12, 1824, and died at Weston, August 24, 1907. She was remembered by her cousin Theodore Bland as "one of the belles of the village...the best and most graceful dancer of the town."² She married at Weston on July 6, 1848, John Brannon (1821-1901) who served in the Virginia Assembly 1853-1857, the Virginia Senate 1857-1861, was a Captain in the Confederate Army, and a circuit judge from 1872-1881. During their marriage they had four children.³

The fifth child, and third son of Thomas Bland (eleventh generation) and Mary Newlon was Thomas Bland. His dates are, born June 29, 1829, and died October 20, 1834 at Weston.

The sixth child, and third daughter of Thomas Bland (eleventh generation) and Mary Newlon was Mary Sisson Bland, who was born at Weston on November 28, 1832, and died at Glenville, West Virginia, on December 29, 1886. Mary's middle name, which none of Urilla Bland's antecedents was able to explain, gives rise to a hunch by Urilla that its source was an ancient relation between the Blands and the Sissons

¹ UMB-1, pp. 109-113, details the descendants of Minerva Bland and Matthew Edmiston.

² UMB-1, p. 113, and Brown, p. 558.

³ UMB-1, pp. 113-115, details the descendants of Amanda Bland and John Brannon.

that is discussed in some detail in Chapter VI.¹ The reader may recall that Mary's father, Thomas Bland, was a delegate at the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1850. Mary attended the convention with her father and there met and became engaged to a Senator Ransom, of North Carolina, but "they had a falling out," and so Mary returned home to Weston, where she met Jacob Lorentz and married him on September 30, 1852. Jacob Lorentz and Mary Sisson Bland had nine children, one of them, Mary B. Lorentz, the recipient of an 1894 letter from her cousin, Theodore Bland (1825-).²

The seventh child, and fourth son of Thomas Bland (eleventh generation) and Mary Newlon was Edward Bland, who was born on October 14, 1835 at Weston, and died February 1, 1903 or 1907 at Sutton, West Virginia. Edward was admitted to the Virginia bar in 1859, and practiced law in Weston, Glenville and Sutton. In 1874-1875, he was principal of the Weston Schools.

Edward married Lavina Evans, of Morgantown, West Virginia, on November 10, 1859, and by her had nine children (thirteenth generation) including seven sons and two daughters. Of the seven sons, three married, though it is unknown whether they actually had children.³

The eighth and ninth children, and fifth and sixth sons, of Thomas Bland and Mary Newlon, were Newton Benton Bland and John Thomas Bland (twelfth generation). Because Newton Benton was Urilla Bland's grandfather, his line is more extensively treated, and so it is best to discuss first, John Thomas Bland, who was born August 19, 1842, and

¹ Brown, p. 558. Cf. p. 223, note 1.

² Brown, pp. 556-559, and UMB-1, pp. 115-117, details the descendant of Jacob Lorentz and Mary Sisson Bland.

³ The descendants of Edward Bland and Lavina Evans are detailed in UMB-1, pp. 118-120. This is another line in search of a genealogist.

died in 1876 in Missouri. John Thomas served during the Civil War in the First Company, 17th Virginia. Following the war, John Thomas Bland moved to Missouri, studied medicine and established a practice. According to Urilla Bland, he was killed on the banks of the Missouri River.¹

The eighth child, and fifth son of Thomas Bland and Mary Newlon, was Newton Benton Bland (twelfth generation) who was born February 2, 1839 at Weston, and died there on March 25, 1896. He studied at the Monongalia Academy in Morgantown, West Virginia, and subsequently received his medical degree from Starling Medical College in Columbus, Ohio, which later became a part of Ohio State University. In 1866, he moved to Jane Lew, Virginia and set up medical practice there. He moved again in 1869-1872, to Glenville, West Virginia, then moved back to Weston, where he remained for the rest of his life. Newton Bland was a first rate scholar, having the facility of reading original Greek and Latin. As a physician, he was recognized as the best diagnostician in Lewis County.

Newton Bland married on June 6, 1867 at Clarksburg, West Virginia, Mary Saphronia Jane Linn, who was born on September 21, 1841 and died January 28, 1910 in Weston.² In their marriage, they had four children, all thirteenth generation, as follows: Robert Linn Bland (1868-1957), father of Urilla Bland; Hattie Bland, born August 22, 1871 in Glenville, West Virginia, and died June 11, 1920 in Weston, West Virginia, unmarried; Thomas Bland, who died in infancy; and George Linn Bland (1875-1958).

¹ UMB-1, pp. 120-121.

² UMB-1, pp. 174-177.

George Linn Bland was born May 3, 1875 in Weston, and died there on January 20, 1958. He was Urilla Bland's uncle. He was employed by the Citizens Bank of Weston, and was its president at the time of his death. On September 16, 1914, in Washington, D.C., George married Marie Francesca de Medici McArdle, who was herself born in Independence Texas on October 26, 1876, and died at Weston on July 3, 1959. She was the daughter of Texas artist, Harry McArdle. George Linn Bland and Francesca McArdle had two children (fourteenth generation), Ruskin McArdle Bland (1916-), and George Linn Bland, Jr. (1917-).

The eldest child, and first son of Newton Bland and Mary Linn (eleventh generation) was Robert Linn Bland, born June 2, 1868 at Jane Lew, West Virginia, and died June 25, 1957 at Weston. Robert Linn Bland was admitted to the Lewis County, West Virginia Bar Association in 1894, and practiced law thereafter. In 1891, he became the co-owner of the "Weston Democrat," and served later as vice president of the West Virginia Editorial Association. He was the Lewis County prosecuting attorney, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates representing Lewis County, and a special judge in the Lewis, Harrison, Upshur, and Gilmer Circuit Courts. He was the first president of the West Virginia Court of Claims. As indicated in Chapter VI, he was also an avid genealogist of the Bland family, and carried on a lengthy and critical correspondence with many Blands and their relatives.¹ Robert Linn Bland married Rebecca Frances Moore on June 23, 1897 at "River View," in Mason County, West Virginia. Rebecca Moore was born April 12, 1870 at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and died November 12, 1967 at Weston.

¹ UMB-1, pp. 177-182, discussed Robert Linn Bland and George Linn Bland at length.

She was a writer with two books published: Twilight Reveries, a book of poetry, and Stray Leaves from the Hill Side, short stories and verse. She also was involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Robert Linn Bland (thirteenth generation) and Rebecca Frances Moore had four children (fourteenth generation). Their first child and only daughter was Urilla Moore Bland, whose contributions to the Bland genealogy have been invaluable, and who is the prime mover in the theory that the Bland family in America originated from common English roots. Her story is told in Chapter VI. Urilla Bland was born in Weston on May 13, 1898 and still lives there, with her two surviving brothers. The second child, and first son of Robert Linn Bland and Rebecca Frances Moore was Theodorick Bland. He was born on April 20, 1901 at Weston and still lives there. Theodorick's father, at the time of his birth, was so convinced that he had descended from Theodorick Bland, of Westover in Virginia (1629-1671, fourth generation) that he named his son after him, but soon discovered his mistake. What a beautiful name to be wrought by error! Theodorick served in World War II, was a former principal in the Weston School System, and is a retired employee of the Federal Land Bank and Farm Credit Association.¹

The third child, and second son of Robert Linn Bland and Rebecca Frances Moore was Charles Newton Bland (fourteenth generation), who was born in Weston on August 24, 1902, and died December 11, 1966. Charles served in World War II as an officer in the legal division of the U.S. Air Corps, and in later life was a prosecuting attorney for Lewis County.

¹ Let it be known also, should someone open these pages one hundred years from now when all of us will be gone, that I visited this wonderful family with my wife and children on June 23, 1981. Theodorick entertained my infant son, Thomas Eliot Bland, touched his heart, and brought a beautiful smile to his lips. Later, Urilla Bland wrote that Theodorick wanted to adopt Tommy.

The fourth child of Robert Linn Bland and Rebecca Frances Moore was Robert Linn Bland (fourteenth generation), who was born October 6, 1905, in Weston, West Virginia. Robert served in World War II and taught in the Weston Schools for more than forty years.

Urilla Bland and her brothers, Theodorick and Robert, live together in a beautiful old house in Weston, West Virginia; all are retired from work and none of them married. They mark the conclusion of known lines that descended from James Bland, of Stafford County's first son William Bland (1686-1744) through his son Thomas (1719-1788).

Missing Links

This extended discussion of the descendants of William Bland (eight generation) through his sons James (C.1707-1774), Moses (C.1718-1799) and Thomas (C.1719-1788), has been possible because of the availability of direct evidence that links these sons to William. The evidence has been discovered, refined and elaborated upon by a number of genealogists. In the case of Thomas, almost exclusive credit goes to Urilla Bland, of Weston, West Virginia, and of course, her father, Robert Linn Bland and his correspondent, Anna Thomas Donnigan. In the case of James Bland, since the death of Milton Wilson, of Bartow, Florida in 1956, the chief catalyst for research in the family has been William Graham Bland, of Jacksonville, Florida,¹ but he has been aided by many other researchers particularly in recent years: Albert Hunter, of State College, Pennsylvania; young Stephen McLeod, of Tallahassee, Florida; and a number of

¹ Parker, Aldermans in America, also is an invaluable source for this branch.

historians who have explored their particular branches and have been able to contribute very useful information to this work. In the case of Moses Bland, Max Kessinger, Berniece Mumford, Robert Wheeler, Elva Reitz and Luella Bland have studied their particular lines, but to my knowledge no synthesis of the Moses Bland branch of the family has been done to date.

In addition to these three sons, William Bland (eighth generation) is said by some researchers, who back up their case with formidable evidence, to have been the father of John Bland, who was born about 1725 and died in Nelson County, Kentucky in 1795. An older school of thought holds that this John was the son of William's younger brother John (c.1688-1762). Strong evidence exists for this latter claim also, and therefore, I have discussed John Bland (1725-1795) and his descendants in Chapter X.

There remains, however, the possibility that William Bland (eighth generation) had a son named William. No evidence has been advanced to link a William Bland to William (eighth generation) and so far as I know, there is no historian for such a branch if one exists. Obviously, William would have had to be born later than 1720, and to have left a traceable family. There is some circumstantial information to suggest that such a person lived in and founded a family of Blands in King and Queen County, Virginia, which was formed in 1691, and lies southeast of the Stafford-Prince William-Fairfax area.

William Bland, of King and Queen County, Virginia

Previously, I indicated that Thomas Bland (ninth generation, 1719-1788) appears to have had some transactions in King and Queen County with a William Bland, and that one of his sons Henry, was living in King and Queen County.¹ Since genealogical evidence and research in this area has been very slight, if not non-existent, the reader should treat this hypothesis with critical caution. It can be no more than a beginning. Nevertheless, the interaction between Thomas Bland (ninth generation) and his sons, with another family of Blands in King and Queen County, does seem to point to a relationship, perhaps between siblings.

In his history of King and Queen County, Malcolm Hart Harris indicates that two men named John and Henry Bland were in the county between 1699 and 1704.² Their relationship to the Stafford County Bland family, if any, is uncertain. No Blands appear in the records again until 1759, when a William Bland was appointed to survey land. How old he was at the time does not appear, but other information, too tedious to recite here, indicates that he had at least four sons, the eldest of whom was born no later than 1746, and possibly daughters.

1 Cf. p. 368, note 5.

2 Malcolm Hart Harris, Old King and Queen County History (1977), pp. 309-310, 553. The names Henry and Arthur are fairly prominent in the Stafford County family. There is no way of knowing for sure, unless other information turns up, but Henry and John, and the Arthur found in Maryland in 1710, might have had some relationship to James Bland (seventh generation, 1655-1708).

The known sons and daughters were married. Though William's age cannot be ascertained, it would appear from the above information concerning his eldest son that he was born in the early 1720's, making him younger than Moses and Thomas Bland, if indeed he was their brother, and considerably younger than his half-brother James. A 1782 survey of Land Tax returns shows that "William Bland Senior" held 120 acres. An assessment of freeholders for personal property tax assessments in 1783 showed "William Bland Senior," living with his son William. In 1761, the elder William was appointed to care for an indigent person, and in 1767,¹ he and his wife, as well as his son William, purchased a pew in Stratton Major Parish Church. William Senior appears to have had four other sons: James, Richard, John and Thomas.² I was able to find no additional information about William Bland Senior.

William Bland Junior, as he appears in the records, was the eldest son of William Bland Senior. First reference to him appears in 1767, and he is noted several times during the 1770's and 1780's in both King and Queen, and Prince William Counties. He served in the Revolution as part of the Third Virginia Regiment.³ His active service probably ended after three years, and by 1781 he was active in supplying the Virginia Army.⁴ William died in King and Queen County in 1794,⁵ therefore there are fairly clear parameters in his life (C.1746-1794).

1 Dawson notes, citing the Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 20, p. 188.

2 William Senior may have had another son, Christopher, who was killed during the first year of the Revolution, in 1776. Dawson notes, citing Brumbaugh, p. 405.

3 Dawson notes, citing Fleet, Vol. 5, p. 11, and Saffel, p. 276.

4 Dawson notes, citing Fleet, Vol. 33, pp. 11, 14.

5 Dawson notes, citing Fleet, Vol. 28, p. 53.

William married Mary _____¹ sometime before 1767,¹ and by 1783 had four living children indicated on a county rent roll: Mary Ann, Robert, William and Molly.² Between 1783 and 1794, when William Junior died, his wife had at least one additional child, Lucy, for in 1794 William's son, Robert Bland, took custody of his minor sisters, Mary Ann and Lucy. This Robert Bland was an adult by 1794, and about 1799 he married Mary Waller of Stratton Major Parish. Robert served in the War of 1812, where he evidently attained the rank of Captain, for he was known as Captain Robert Bland. He held a total of about 525 acres of land in 1820, near his brother John. He and his wife had a son Robert, known later as Colonel Robert Bland, who was born in 1800. The date of his death is unknown. This Colonel Robert Bland had a brother John, a teacher who was known as Gentleman John, and whose daughter (name unknown) married William Carr.³

I suspect, but cannot definitely prove, that the second child of William Bland Senior was James Bland, born sometime in the late 1740's or early 1750's. In 1843, his widow, Amy Samuels, who was then 83 (born in 1760) applied for a Revolutionary War Pension, based upon James Bland's service. Corroborating testimony by several individuals

¹ Dawson notes, citing the Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 20. The record of Christ Church Parish Register, p. 197, preserved by the Virginia Genealogical Society, Some Marriages in the Burned Record Counties of Virginia (1972), p. 11, records a William Bland, Jr. marrying Mary Ann Carr (Carr?) on February 20, 1792. Entries for three other Blands, married between 1787-1791, are recorded on pp. 265-268, suggesting that sequentially, the 1792 date for William Jr. and Mary Carr might be a misprint.

² Harris, p. 310. There may have been a son, Ralph, who married Frances Carr April 15, 1787.

³ For information about Robert Bland, see Harris, pp. 310-311, and Dawson notes, citing Bagby, pp. 298, 324, 328.

who knew James and Amy created a fairly clear picture of their lives. It is apparent that James Bland was born and lived in King and Queen County. One witness testified that James served in the Second Virginia Regiment from January 12, 1777 to January 24, 1780, and his wife testified that he had served under a Captain Waller (note that Robert Bland later married a Mary Waller, daughter of Edward Waller, of King and Queen County; a Thomas Bland, Jr., as will be noted, married Sarah Waller). James married Amy probably in 1781, because a witness testified that they had a daughter Elizabeth, who was 13 in 1795. Elizabeth married James Taylor, but the date of their marriage is unknown. There were other children born to James Bland and Amy Samuels, but the exact number is not known. Amy was still living in 1748.¹

The third son of William Bland, Thomas, appear to have been born before 1751, for in 1772, he was named to survey land in King and Queen County. Mr. Dawson's notes show that Thomas was engaged in various land transactions and that he served in the Revolution. In 1783,² Thomas held 200 acres of land and was married to Amy _____, and they were parents of the following minor children: Thomas; Ann; Elizabeth; Polly; and a minor male in Thomas' custody, John Graves. Thomas Bland, Jr. married Sarah Waller in Christ Church Parish.³

¹ John F. Dorman, Compiler, Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications, Vol. 7 (1962), pp. 62-63.

² Fleet, Vol. 4, p. 38.

³ Virginia Genealogical Society, Some Marriages in the Burned Records Counties of Virginia (1972), p. 11. The same source shows a Ralph Bland marrying Frances Carr, April 15, 1787.

Little is known of the two remaining sons of William Bland Senior. Richard Bland in 1782 held 150 acres, and he may have been the same Richard Bland who on March 14, 1789, married Mary Bowden (or Bond) in Christ Church Parish.¹ John Bland in 1782 held 30 acres in King and Queen County, but in 1785, had increased his acreage to 60.² By 1820, John's son John owned 412 acres adjacent to the land of his cousin, Robert Bland.³

Richard Bland, of Prince William County

Two ifs (which admittedly could dull Occam's Razor) might suggest the possibility of another son of William Bland (eighth generation), Richard Bland. IF William Bland Senior, of King and Queen County, was a son of William Bland of Prince William (eighth generation), and IF, as is usually true, names carry over from father to sons and between brothers, then there might be a tentative case, founded on naming similarities and geographic proximity that a Richard Bland of Prince William County, was yet another son of William Bland (eighth generation).

Information about Richard Bland is scant, not backed up by primary evidence, and is based entirely upon two letters written in 1933 and 1947.⁴ When Richard was born is uncertain, but it must have been no

1 Ibid.

2 Fleet, Vol. 4, p. 38.

3 Harris, pp. 310-311.

4 George W. Bland to Ernestine Lewis, Clarksburg, West Virginia, November 16, 1933; and Donald F. Black to Robert Linn Bland, Parkersburg, West Virginia, November 18, 1947. Both letters supplied to me by Urilla Bland, of Weston, West Virginia. Cf. p. 349 re: Minor Bland.

later than about 1730, for in 1752, Richard's wife gave birth to a son, Joseph Bland. Joseph was a Tory in the Revolution, and fought on the British side, sustaining what was no doubt a very just wound in the knee at the Battle of Yorktown. In the late 1780's, Joseph went to Frederick County, Virginia, where he married Susan Bailey Johnson, a widow. They settled near Winchester, Virginia, and Susan in 1789 gave birth to a boy named Richard. Following Richard's birth, Joseph's family returned to what is present-day Monongalia County, West Virginia, settling near Blacksville, where Susan gave birth to David and Thomas Bland, and possibly others. David settled in Wetzel County, Virginia, while Thomas, upon his marriage, moved to Green County, Pennsylvania.

Richard Bland (born in 1789) about 1812 married Mary Jobes, daughter of William Jobes and sister of John Minor Jobes,¹ who lived near Blacksville on the north side of the Pennsylvania line. Richard was a very strong, large and powerful man, who lived until 1883; thus, his dates were 1789-1883. He was a Democrat, but voted for William Henry Harrison for President because they were second cousins.

Richard Bland (1789-1883) and Mary Jobes had a family of six children, including three sons and three daughters: William J. Bland; Joseph Bland; Richard J. Bland; Perdilla Bland, who married John Nelson Bee; Elsa Bland, who married Able Noble; and _____, who married William H. Metheney. The eldest son, William J. Bland, married Sarah Stiles, and by her had Drusilla Bland, who married _____ Sherwood; John Bland, who married Elizabeth Cowan; Simon Bland, who married Clara Greathouse; Ann Bland, who married _____ Burton; Mary Bland, who married _____ McClain; Ruhama Bland, who married _____ Hickman; Sarah Jane Bland, who married _____ Holliday; and Richard C. Bland.

¹ Cf. p. 349 re: Minor Bland.

John Bland and Elizabeth Cowan had five sons and two daughters: two sons died in infancy; Arthur Cowen Bland; Robert Bland, who married Bertha White, of Logan, West Virginia; and George William Bland, who married Lucia Leonore Charter; daughters, Johanna Bland, died at age nineteen, and Mary Bland, married B. B. Janes.¹

Thomas Bland, of Pendleton County, Virginia

Mr. Thomas C. Bland, of Lafayette, California, in researching his own family line, has traced his ancestors to one Thomas Bland, whom he believes was born about 1740 and died May 22, 1826 in Pendleton County, Virginia.² This Thomas Bland married two women: Margaret _____; and after her, Rachel Shoulders. He mentioned in his will the following children: Job; George; Enoch; Elizabeth, who married Jessie Davis; and Rachel. He also mentioned Henry Bland, who was born April 25, 1770 and died March 27, 1853, in Pendleton County, Virginia. He married Margaretta Weirich first, and subsequently married Mary Dolley. One of his sons (by which marriage is not clear) was Solomon Bland, who was born on May 23, 1800 and died February 18, 1877. He married Abigail Phares about 1817, and during their marriage the family moved to Milford Center, Ohio. One of their children was

¹ Ibid. Cf. p. 349, note 1. The similarity of some of the names in this family of Richard Bland (1789-1883) and Moses Bland (1772-1848) is close enough to suggest the possibility of a close relationship, though corroboration by evidence will be necessary to prove it.

² Thomas C. Bland to Urilla Bland, July 11, 1976. Cf. Dawson notes, citing Morton, History of Monroe, p. 80.

John Bland, who was born July 14, 1825 and died January 30, 1900, in Waldo, Ohio. He married in 1848, Margaret Kennedy.¹ The parentage of Thomas C. Bland's furthest back ancestor, Thomas Bland, is uncertain. Some of the information about the family was derived from Morton's History of Monroe, which also indicates the following:

Bland, Robert (died C.1795) seems to have been the father of Robert (Anna) of Peters Mountain Valley, whose son Robert was born here in 1784. Children: Robert (1784-1857); Esther E. (M. James McKinney 1813); James (M. India Dawson 1813); Joshua (M. Polly Shires 1807). Joshua, probably a brother of Robert, had Robert (M. Elizabeth Hand 1808).²

Odds and Ends

Some of the Bland family descending from James Bland (seventh generation) through his four sons, undoubtedly remained in Prince William or counties nearby, and in many cases, have undoubtedly not been traced. The following inscriptions are found on gravestones in the Greenwood Primitive Baptist Church, in Prince William County near Minniesville: James A. Bland (1854-1914); Wesley Bland (1835-1911); Perry L. Bland (1879-1913); Mary C. Bland (1840-1914); Edward Bland (1838-1915).³

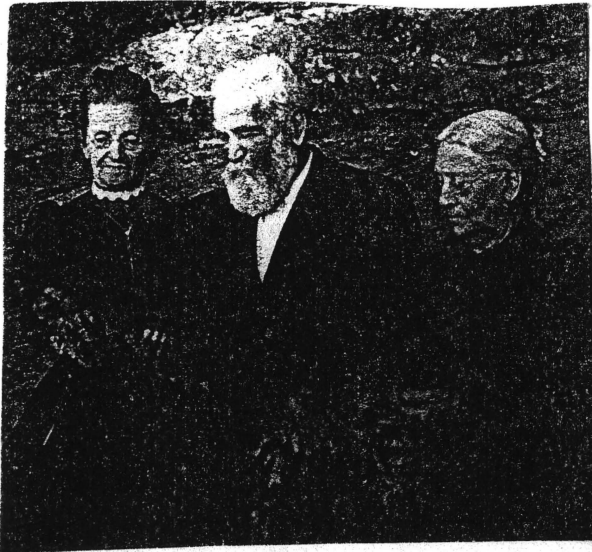
¹ This line of descent was carried on from John Bland (1825-1900) to John Lewis Bland (January 14, 1852-September 14, 1889) who married Ora Boal Coe on September 28, 1876, in Milford, Ohio, and died at Anoka, Minnesota. His son, Richard Coe Bland (May 6, 1883-January 21, 1942) married Ina May Askin on December 29, 1922, and died at St. Louis, Missouri. Richard Coe Bland's son was Richard Erskine Bland, who was born March 29, 1924, and married Catherine Shuey, July 7, 1948. Their son was Thomas Conrad Bland, Miss Urilla Bland's correspondent.

² Homer T. Jones to Nel Ford, March 4, 1958.

³ Workers of the Writers Program of the Works Projects Administration, Prince William: The Story of Its People and Places (1941), p. 102.

This concludes discussion of the immense family that descended from James Bland, of Stafford County, Virginia (seventh generation) through his son William, who married an unknown woman about 1706 and subsequently, in 1716/1717, married Catherine Key. The following chapter is devoted to the descendants of William's younger brother, James Bland (C.1687-1755).

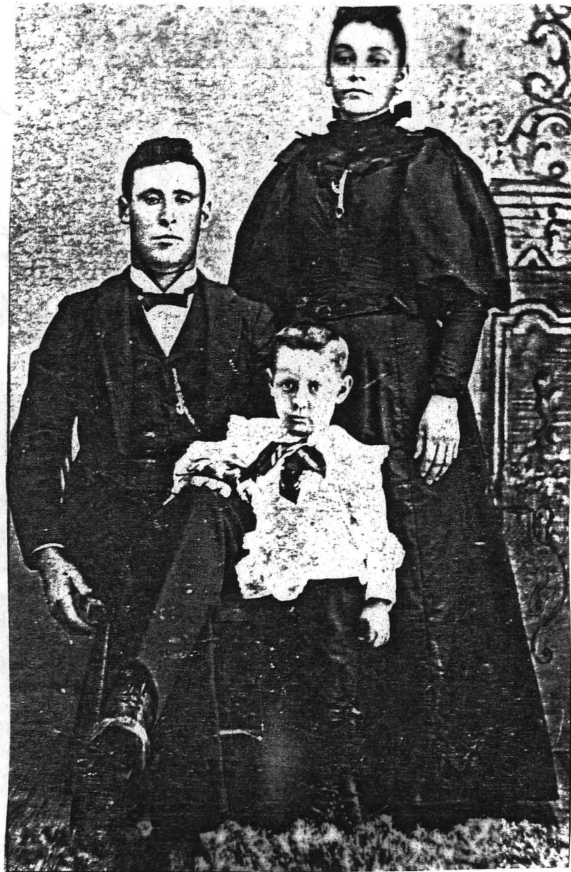
Upper: John G. Bland, (1836-1910) with his wife Elizabeth M. Cowan (1842-1903) on the left and her twin sister on the right. John was the son of William J. Bland (1813-1881) and Sarah Stiles (1812-185) and a grandson of Richard Bland (1787-1876), (p. 397, and Among Cousins, Volume 5-2, pp. 11-12; Below: John G. Bland's son Arthur Cowan Bland (1863-1945) with his wife Julia Ellen Sutton (1873-1963) and their children Bruce (in center) Bessie, Walter and Edna. Courtesy Sandra Kirk.



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Thomas Bland (1740-1826), married first, Margaret _____ by whom he had Henry Bland (1770-1853). Second, Thomas married Rachel Shoulders, by whom he had Enoch Bland (1804-1882). (pp. 398-399). He had many other children but the photos that appear on pp. 400B-F, are of descendants from these two sons.

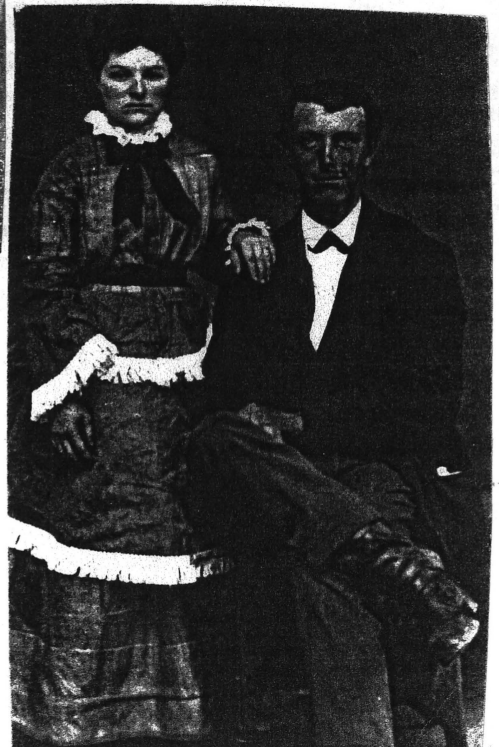
Below: Thomas Bland, (1827-1897) son of John Bland (1791-1864) and grandson of Henry Bland (1770-1853) and Thomas' wife Malinda Stokeley (1831-1907); their son Duewaine Bland (1867-) his wife Sarah Elizabeth Beery and their son Clayton Bland, (Among Cousins, Volume 3-2, pp. 23-27). Courtesy of Richard C. Bland.



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Upper: Harriet Bland Biby (1861-1939) with her husband Will Biby and their family, Harriet was the daughter of William Bland, (1829-1920) son of Eli Bland (1797-1862) and Annie Haigler (1806-), who was the son of Henry Bland (1770-1853) noted on p. 400B. (Among Cousins, Volume 2-2, pp. 14-23 and 5-2, pp. 23-27) Courtesy Edith C. Lanning. Lower: James Stickley Bland (1845-1917), son of Eli Bland, and his wife Elizabeth Helmick (1851-1941). Courtesy of Eunice Hubert.



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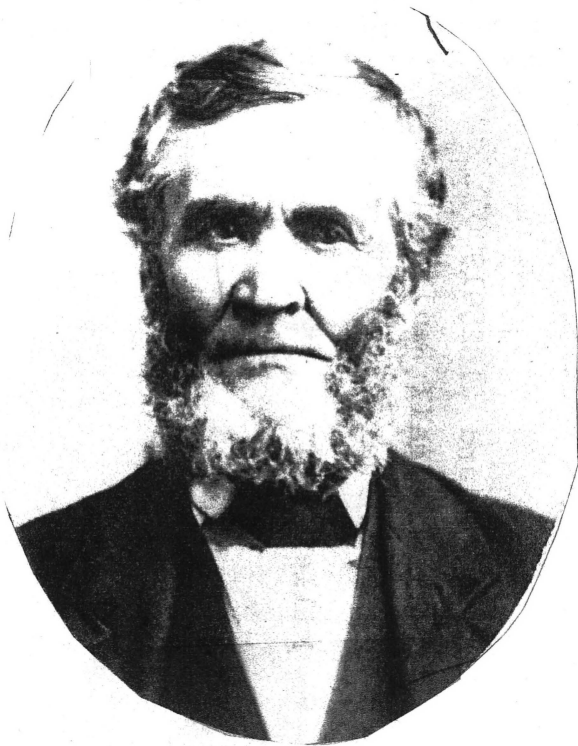
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Children of James Stickley Bland and Elizabeth Helmick: Ashby Stickley Bland (1871-1961) and his wife Florence Belle Dever (1878-1918) and Mary Bland Lappin (1874-1978), courtesy of Eunice Hubert.



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Clockwise from Left: John Bland (1825-1900), son of Saul Bland (1800-1877) and grandson of Henry Bland (1770-1853), noted on page 400B; John's grand daughter Anna Lulu Bland (1874-1902) courtesy Mary Louise Miller Berry; Lucinda "Old Luce" Bland (1836-1902), daughter of Henry Bland (1770-1853), courtesy of Edith C. Lanning.



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Clockwise from left: Enoch Bland (1804-1882), son of Thomas Bland (1740-1826), and Enoch's second wife Mary Ann Harper, (1811-1882); Johnson Bland, (1829-1907), son of Enoch and Mary Ann Bland, and his wife Sarah Lawrence (1829-1914); Ellen Bland Warner, (1849-1929), daughter of Enoch Bland and Mary Ann Harper, with her husband John Wesley Warner (left) and her brother Enoch Dice Bland; Pleasant Bland (1838-1914) and his wife Mary Jane Calhoun; Enoch Dice Bland (1855-1929) and his wife Mary Caton (1857-1930) with their children Bertha, Robert "Boss" Bland and Edward Bland. (Cf. p. 398-399 and Among Cousins Volume 4-2, pp. 15-17). Courtesy of Edith C. Lanning.

