

The Book "An American Commoner" by Byars gives the Life and Times of Richard Parks Bland as follows:

Page 35. "Richard Parks Bland ( 1835-92) was born in Ohio County, Kentucky, August 19, 1835. His father was Stouten Edward Bland a native of Kentucky. His mother was Margaret, a daughter of Richard Parks Nall of Kentucky. The Blands were among the earliest settlers in Kentucky , The family mostly sprung from Col Theodoric Bland who was on Washington's staff in the Rev. War. Mr. Bland's father was educated for a Presbyterian Minister and was a farmer when he died in 1842. His mother died 7 years later in Kentucky. There was no patrimony left to the family and young Bland worked during the summer for 6 & 7 dollars a month to procure the means to school himself during the winter. At the age of 18 he attended the Hartford, Ky. Academy and took a teacher's course one year. He taught two terms in Ohio Co., Ky. , One term in Wayne Co., Mo. and in 1855 went to California. He remained in California, Nevada and Colorado 10 years, teaching school and studying and practicing law and served one term as treasurer of Carson, Co., Utah, now the State of Colorado. While teaching school he persued and completed his law studies in the law office of R.B. Mayes in Nevada Co. California, Now State of Nevada. In 1860 he was admitted in the U.S. District Court in Utah territory. Returning to Missouri in 1867 he resumed the practice of law at Nolla, Mo, who he remained three years. Then he moved to Lebanon, Mo in 1873 he married Virginia Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of Gen. E.Y. Mitchell of Rolla, Missouri. He left 6 children 4 boys and 2 girls.

#### Children

1. Theodoric Richard Bland
2. Ewing Charles Bland
3. Frances A. Bland .
4. George Vest Bland
5. Virginia Mary Bland
6. John Leburn Bland

Page 299 same book above. " Mr. Bland sent money back from California and Nevada to help educate his sistwr, (Mrs. Tetley) Bettie Bland and after returning from the west sent his younger half- sister, Mrs. Goodykoontz ( Amanda Black) to school at Caledonia, bringing her from Kentucky.

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Mrs. Bland says they were married Dec. 17 in residence of Judge John L Thomas (Mrs. Bland's uncle) at Hillsboro.

#### Children

1. Virgie, b. Jan. 18, 1875 in Caledonia, Mo. d. Apr. 3, 1876
2. Fanny, b. June 4, 1876 Washington
- 3 Theo, b. Nov. 25, 1877 in Lebanon
4. Ewing Charles, b. May 17, 1882 in Washington
5. George Vest, b. Feb., 10, 1884 in Washington
- 7 Mattie, b. Nov. 5, 1885, in Lebanon, d. Mar. 3, 1887
8. Margaret Nall, b. Dec. 1, 1887, in Washington, D. Sep. 11, 1892
9. John Lilburn, b. July 28, 1889
- 10 Virginia, b. Dec. 19, 1892 in Washington

Page 274 same book " Judge Charles C. Bland was in Arcadia , Mo. and got Dick to come out.

" Richard P. Bland's father , Stouton Edward Bland was born July 14, 1807. He was reared near Lebanon, Ky., on a farm. His ancestors emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky at a very early day. His wife, Margaret Parks Nall eldest daughter of Richard Nall and Polly Nall ( nee Berryman) was born at Hartford, Ohio Co., Ky. June 4, 1816. S.E. Bland and Margaret P. Nall were married at Hartford, Ky. Oct. 9, 1834.

Richard Parks Bland, the eldest child of this union was born August 19, 1835, at Hartford. S.E. Bland moved from Hartford to Bland's Mills, 10 miles above Hartford, on the Hartford River in the year 1838. Here he procured the establishment of "Bland's Mills" as a Post Office and he himself was appointed Postmaster general in Gen. Jackson's cabinet early in 1841. Stouton Bland gave up the management of his mill business because of ill health and moved his residence to a farm, He continued to live on this farm until his death, which occurred June 5, 1842. After his death his widow and four children remained on the farm for four years when she removed to the home of her mother who was then a widow, in 1844 she married Francis Black , a farmer in the neighborhood and her son Richard went with her to the home of Mr. Black where he remained until the death of his mother, Dec. 20, 1849. After the death of his mother he worked as a farm hand for wages during the summer. Mr. Isaiah Craig , near Beaver Dam was his fast and valuable friend during this period, giving him a home at his house. After leaving school he emigrated to Missouri and to Wayne County to the home of Robert Fulton, who had married Mariah Nall the youngest sister of his mother in 1855. Mr. Fulton sold his property in Wayne Co and went to California with his family by way of New York and the isthemus. Richard accompanied them . After reaching California they engaged in mining, but Mr. Fulton soon sickened and died, his wife died shortly afterward leaving 3 small children to be cared for by Richard. He continued mining and took care of the children, doing the cooking and washing for them and himself until arrangements were made to return them to Missouri. They embarked on a steamer for New York with an uncle ( Fulton) when the vessel about three miles from shore it took fire and was burned to the water's edge. The Uncle and three boys jumped overboard and undertook to swim ashore, but the uncle and two boys were drowned, George ( about 9 years of age) swam or floated ashore and was sent back to Missouri. " I know so little about our father that I am unable to give the names of his parents or brothers and sisters. from a neighbor, who was his intimate friend I learned when a child that f father was a well educated man for his period, was a school teacher when he married mother, that he was a man of great personal courage and was very religious. Both parents were members of the Methodist Church-- of mother I have a very vivid memories----- She was a patient woman , full of kindness and in answer to calls for help in sickness doing more valuable nursing than any other woman in the neighborhood , in 1849, an epidemic of typhoid fever prevailed in the neighborhood and she continued nursing its victims until she was stricken with the disease. The fever proved fatal in her case. Her life was one of toil, but one of service spent in doing good and in makin others happy. To my recollection she had the kindest face and most sympathetic eyes I ever looked into." Dick had a heart like his mother. I could pay him no higher compliment."

Box of Wills 1815-1825 found in basement of County Clerk's office at Springfield, Ky.

Copy of Original Will of Rolly Bland, made by Dr. Curtis Bland, Terra Haute, Ind.

In the name of God Amen I Rolly Bland of the County of Washington and State of Kentucky do make ordain and declare this Instrument with my name Subscribed at its Bottom to be my Last Will and Testament Revoking all others

1st Item I give and bequeath to my Loving wife Sarah Bland at my Death during her widowhood one half of all my household and kitchen Furniture & one half of all my livestock & farming Utentials and at the Death or entermarriage of my wife Sarah Bland it is my wish that all I have given her Shall go to my Child by her delivered and if my Child Should die of which my wife is supposed to be prignent then & in that case it is my wish that the property herein given my wife Shall go to the five other of my Children ( to wit) Green Fanny William Racheal & Malinda Bland

2nd Item I give & bequeath unto my Son John Bland one two year old heffer to him and his Heirs forever

3th Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Allen Bland one two year old heffer to him & his Heirs forever

4th Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Susan Daugherty & her husband John daugherty one dollar

5th Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Jane Bland one dollar to have and to hold to her & her Heirs forever

6th Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Prudey Bland one dollar

7th Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Samuel Bland one dollar

8th Item I give & bequeath unto my five Children ( towit) Green Fanny William Racheal & Malinda Bland one half of all my household & kitchen Furniture and one half of all my Livestock & farming utentials to have and to hold to them & their Heirs forever

9th Item I give & bequeath unto my aforesaid five Children ( to wit) Green Fanny William Racheal & Malinda Bland all my Lands & they are to be subject to Such incumberences as are on them to have & to hold to them & their Heirs forever

10th Item I give & bequeath the priveledge & it is my will & wish that my siad wife Shall live on the plantation I now live on with my children during the time She may live single or unmarried

11th Item It is my will & wish however that my Body be entered decenly & that all funal charges & other Debts be discharged before distribution of my property takes place as above mentioned

12th Item I give & bequeath unto Sarah Bland my wife my negro woman Retter to have & to hold during her unmarried State & at her marriage or Death the said negro woman Retter is to go to the Child I may have by my aforesaid wife but in case of the Death of said Child then it is my wish that the said negro Retter go to my five children/ ( to wit) Green Fanny William Racheal & Malinda to have & to hold forever

In witness of all and each of the things herein contained I have here ~~been~~ subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 21th day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand eighteen hundred and twenty five to my wife Sarah bland during her widowhood and Should She mary or die then the sd negro woman Reter Shall be divided between my five Children ( viz) Green, Fanny, William Racial & Malinda Bland- in witness whereof I

57I have here subscribed my name & affixed my Seal this 24th of June 1825 in the presence of

William Daugherty  
Jas A McElroy  
Theodore Murphy

Rolly Bland (Seal)

Proved Aug. 1825

(Note; Dr. Bland states he tried to copy the original as nearly like it as possible You note the will was changed - some of it being crossed out and at a later date rewritten in another hand with different punctuation, different spelling & different in the use of some expressions- i e, the first written used "to wit", the last used the word "viz" Too you Note the part erased is dated April 24, 1825 while the part added has the date June 24, 1825." Charles Bland

The above will is found recorded in Washington Co. Ky. Will Bk. D, p. 110 but I find the original most interesting, as the recorded copy has been corrected in the spelling.

Rolly Bland inventory in Bk. D, p. 151, Settlement of estate Bk. D, p. 535 Dec. 27, 1830

Washington Co., Ky marriage records give name of Rolly's first wife( mother of older children Delsey Shekleworth. Second wife Mrs. Sally Thomas.

#### Rolly Bland's children

1. John Bland
- 2 Allen Bland, Mar. 8, 1824 Hetty Hardin, dau. of Martin Hardin
3. Susan B. and , Mar. 30, 1821 John Daugherty
4. Jane Bland, m Aug. 28, 1826 Anthony Saadusky
5. Prudence ( Prudey)
6. Samuel
7. Green
8. Fanny
9. William
10. Rachel ( Rachael)
11. Malinda

and by second wife

- 12 Thomas Roland Bland who was born three days after date of will June 28, 1825 who married Nov. 7, 1845 Sarah Robinson in Hardin Cp. Ky

#### Washington Co., Ky. Marriage Records

- Rachel Bland & William E. Wilson, Dec. 22, 1817
- Allen Bland & Hetty Hardin( parent Martin Hardin) Mar. 8, 1824
- Charles Bland & Catherine Staton, parent Scarbrough Staton, Sept. 28, 1795
- Charles Bland & Nancy Knott, Nov. 20, 1817
- Daniel Bland & Elizabeth Hughes, Jan. 12, 1796
- John Bland & Nancy Edmondson, Mar. 14, 1795
- John Bland & Sally Kendley, Feb. 27, 1815
- John Bland & Mary Rolay ( Cornelius Rolay guardian) Jan. 13, 1823
- John E. Bland & Elizabeth Clark, Oct. 2, 1820
- Rolly Bland & Delsey Shekleworth( parent John Shekleworth) Oct. 2, 1798
- Rolly Bland & Mrs. Sally Thomas, Oct. 30, 1824
- Samuel Bland & Jenny Shekleworth, Feb. 2, 1800
- William Bland & Maria Wilson, parent John & Hannah Wilson, Aug. 22, 1818
- Elizabeth Bland (father Thomas) & Anthony Wilson(mother Hanna) Dec. 21, 1818
- Elizabeth Bland( mother Nancy) & Daniel Purdy, Nov. 29, 1824
- Polly Bland.( father Thomas) & Thomas Pearce, Mar. 20, 1816

Washington Co., Ky. marriages continued

- ✓ Josiah W. Bland & Martha Rinehard, at home of John Rinehard, Dec. 23, 1852
- ✓ Nancy Bland & James Weldon, Dec. 8, 1819
- ✓ Susan Bland & John Daugherty, March 30, 1821
- ✓ Martha Bland & Joseph Liston, May 19, 1826 married May 23
- ✓ Jane Bland & Anthony Sandysky, Aug. 28, 1826
- ✓ Susan Bland & William Wright, April 16, 1827
- ✓ Thomas S. Bland & Kesiah Simpson, Oct. 3, 1827
- ✓ Warrington S. Bland & Letitia Curtsinger, dau. of Michael Curtsinger, Oct. 6, 1828
- ✓ Lucinda Bland (dau. of Thomas M. Bland) & Samuel P. Phillips, Sept. 22, 1828
- ✓ Nancy Bland & James Sheehan, Nov. 26, 1828
- ✓ Eliza Bland & Joseph Pile who was a ward of William Rulton, June 16, 1829
- ✓ Mary Bland & Redmond Pruitt, Oct. 22, 1833

A death notice from paper) not dated.

" Mrs. Sallie C. Bland 92, widow of Dr. D.L.S. Bland and aunt of Dr. T.E. Bland, Shelbyville, and Former Magistrate W.L. Bland, Bagdad, died at her home in Vandalia, Mo., Wednesday. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. W.S. Waters, and one son, Dr. W.W. Bland both of Vandalia. Mrs. Bland was known in Shelby County, where she frequently visited relatives. The funeral and burial in Vandalia yesterday.

(The above reference to Shelby Co., is in Kentucky.)

Another death notice in the Tucson Arizona paper (not dated)  
Mrs. Alice H. Bland 97, of 834 E. 9th Street, died yesterday morning at the Villa Pueblo Rest Home. She came to Tucson seven years ago from her farm near Wallis, Texas. a 50 year member of the Order of Eastern Star, she was past Worthy Matron of Chapter 429 Rosenberg, Texas.  
She is survived by a son, Allen, of Tucson. There are four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.  
The body will be sent by Arizona Montuary to Wallis, Texas for funeral services and burial.

Marriages of Hardin Co., Ky.

Allen Bland & Elizabeth Elliot( father John Elliot) June 6, 1837  
Daniel R. Bland & Milly Hart( father Isaac Hart) July 15, 1845  
Malvina Bland ( mother Susan Bland) & William Abell, Nov. 12, 1839  
Emily Bland ( father William Bland) & John Upton, Jan. 23, 1837  
Elizabeth Bland( father John H. Bland) & Nathan Van Metre( father Joseph  
Van Metre, Feb. 21, 1838  
Sarah Bland & Israel Standafor, July 7, 1836  
Sarah A. Bland ( father William Bland) & John A. Raine, Aug. 21, 1841  
William Bland & Adaline English( mother Nancy English) May 11, 1835  
Harry Bland & Alice V. Harding, April 21, 1835  
Thomas O. Bland & Augustian Bland ( father William) Feb. 8, 1834  
Jesse Bland & Eliza Spurrier, June 4, 1827  
Samuel Bland (father Daniel) & Frances Baskett, Mar. 19, 1830  
Henry Bland (mother Susan Bland ) & Mariah English( mother Nancy English)  
Aug. 3, 1829  
Susan A. Bland ( mother Susan Bland) & William A. Wathen, July 11, 1831  
Mildred Bland ( father Daniel Bland) & David Stark( father James Stark)  
July 30, 1828  
Mahala Bland ( father William Bland) & John A. Raine, Dec. 15, 1834  
Katherine Bland( father William Bland) & William Mount, Jan. 14, 1833  
Nancy Bland ( father John H. Bland) & Squire F. Linder( consent by David  
Ashbrough, boy's step father) May 27, 1827  
Jane Bland ( mother Susan Bland) & John English, Jan. 18, 1836  
Catherine Bland ( father John Bland) & Samuel Bard, July 11, 1826  
Sarah Bland ( father Daniel Bland) & Charles A. Barlow, Apr. 8, 1833  
John H. Bland & Polly Crigger, Jan. 4, 1820 ( parent James Haycroft.  
Elizabeth Bland ( father James Bland ) & Richard Richards, July 19, 1825  
Thomas R. Bland & Sarah Robinson, Nov. 7, 1845 *son of belly of (2) Sarah Thomas*

Clark Co., Ky. marriage

Jeremiah Bland & Gussa Tincher, Jan. 16, 1794

Jefferson Co., Ky. Marriage

John B. Bland & Ann Bridgeford, Nov. 26, 1820

Christian Co., Ky.

Jesse Bland & Lewey Bland were executors of Joseph Mosely's will Apr. 29, 1811

Hopkins Co., Marriage

Joe Bland & M. Ramsey, preacher A.M. Henry, Oct. 17, 1822

Livingston Co., Ky. marriage

James Bland & Frances Roberts, Jan. 10, 1809 ( or Apr. 15, 1802) two dates  
given in different places.

Ohio Co. Ky. marriage

Stoughton E. Bland & Margaret P. Nall, father Richard Nall, Oct. 9, 1834

Henry Co., marriages

Abel Bland & Ann James dau. of George James Oct. 27, 1808

another book has this record as Abel Bland & Ann (Laforce) Gains, Oct. 17, 1808

Allen Bland b. Jan. 16, 1811 "on the turnpike between Springfield and Mackville Washington Co., Ky. Jan. 16, 1811 was a son of Samuel Bland ( 1780-1848) and Rachel Jane----( 1784-1847) Allen Bland died Macomb, Illinois. He married H. rdin Co., Ky. May 5, 1837 Elizabeth Elliott born Sept. 12, 1812 died Macomb, Ill., Oct. 24, 1893, daughter of John Elliott.

Allen Bland & Elizabeth Elliott were parents of following children

- 1. William Thomas Bland , born Wanketa, Oklahoma, m. (1) Laura Barlow m. (2) Cora Morrow, his sons living near Enid , Oklahoma are Fred, Roy, and George Bland
- 2. Samuel James Bland, b. Feb. 5, 1839 died Macombe, Ill., Oct. 20, 1927, married Jan. 7, 1860 Mary Leticia Simmons, b. May 22, 1841, d. Macomb Illinois July 7, 1931, their children are
  - a. Mary Louisa, b. Oct. 25, 1860, d. Oct. 16, 1864
  - b. Thomas Allen, b. Dec. 24, 1862, d. Apr. 6, 1930
  - c. Annettie, b. June 27, 1865
  - d. Louella Elizabeth, b. Nov. 3, 1867, d. July 1926
  - e. Alfred Joel, b. Aug. 22, 1870
  - f. Henrietta Lucretia, b. May 8, 1873
  - g. Cora Leona, b. June 20, 1875
  - h. Samuel Marion, b. Jan. 9, 1878
  - i. Dora Critten, b. Sept. 13, 1880, d. Sept. 12, 1898
  - j. William Roy, b. Aug. 21, 1883
- 3. Rachel Bland, b. -----Simpson
- 4. Mary Bland, m. (1) Jack Humbard , m. (2) Samuel Smith
- 5. Nettie Bland, m.-----Sharp.

Book of Wills, 1815-1825, found in basement of County Clerk's Office  
Springfield, Washington Co., Ky.

Copy of Original Will of Charles Bland filed 1819

In the name of God Amen I Charles Bland of Washington County and State of Kentucky do Constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament as followeth to wit, Being of sound Mind and memory first I do recomend my sole to almighty God secondly I wish to Be Burried in a christian like maner, and after all my Just debts are paid it is my wish and desire for my plantation to Be Sold at publick Sale on a credit of six, Twelve, and Eighteen Month the payments to be Equaleddivided in Three parts and all My personal astate of every Kind at a credit of Twelve Month and the money arising from the Sale of My Estate Both real and personal to Be divided Equally Between my Beloved wife Ann Bland, My Beloved daughter Nancy Bland, and My Beloved daughter Julian Bland, and My Beloved daughter Scarber Bland, and My Beloved son Stouten Bland, and My Beloved son Fielding Bland and My Beloved son Franklin Bland and My Beloved Daughter Mary Eliza Bland and My Beloved daughter Emeline Bland and My Beloved son William Bland and I Give and Bequeath unto my son Warrington Bland One dollar and no more and I also will and Bequeath unto My Beloved wife Ann Bland all the Estate Both rail and persona which she had before I mared her I also Constitute and appoint My Beloved Friends Clement Parsons and Robert H. Fogle My Executors to this My last will and Testament. Given from under my hand and Seal this 12th day of April 1819

Witness

Richard Forrest

William McElroy

his

Charles x Bland (seal)

mark

Clement Parsons & Robert H. Fogle executed a bond for \$4000.00 on July 12, 1819  
Bond signed by

Clement Parsons (Seal)

Robert H. Fogle (Seal)

Richard Forrest (Seal)

John Newbolt (Seal)



## Tax List , Washington Co., Ky, in the Ky Historical Society Library

- 1794- Rachel Blann, 300 acres  
 1795- Rachel Bland, 300 acres, Rolling Fork  
 1796- Only Daniel Bland is listed  
 1797- Rachel Bland, 150 acres, Rolling Fork  
 1798- no list found  
 1799- Charles Bland, 124 acres Rolling Fork  
 Rolly Bland, merely says " A List of names taken in order to raise the numeration"
- 1800 Rolly Bland, 140 acres, Carey Creek  
 Charles Bland 124 acres Rolling Fork
- 1801 Daniel Bland, Samuel Bland listed 100 acres Pleasant Run Washington Co  
 250 acres Breckenridge Co. Stinking Creek
- 1802- Rolly Bland, 75 acres, Rolling Fork  
 Charles Bland 126 acres " "
- 1803- Rolly Bland 75 acres Rolling Fork  
 Charles Bland 126 acres Rolling Fork
- 1804- Charles Bland 200 acres Rolling Fork  
 Rolly Bland 75 acres Rolling Fork
- 1805- Rolly Bland 75 acres Rolling Fork  
 Charles Bland not listed
- 1806 Charles Bland 202 acres Rolling Fork  
 Rolly Bland 74 acres Rolling Fork
- 1807 - Rolly Bland 50 acres Rolling Fork  
 Charles Bland 175 acres Rolling Fork  
 Rawley Bland 53 acres " "  
 Charles Bland 102 acres " "
- 1809- Rawley Bland 53 acres " "  
 Charles Bland, 102 acres " "
- 1810, 1811, 1812 No list found
- 1813- Rolly Bland 53 acres Carney Creek  
 Charles Bland 202 acres Rolling Fork
- 1814- Rolly Bland 168 acres Carney Creek  
 Charles Bland 202 acres Rolling Fork
- 1815 Charles Bland 202 acres " "  
 Rolly Bland 168 acres Carney Creek
- 1816 Charles Bland 202 acres Rolling Fork  
 Rolly Bland, 168 acres Carney Creek
- 1817- Rolly Bland 180 Acres " "  
 Charles Bland 202 acres Matting's or Mattings Run
- 1818 and 1819 No list found
- 1820 - only William and Thomas Bland listed both on Pleasant Run
- 1821 Rolly Bland, 202 acres, Rolling Fork  
 1821 List under same cover of 1821
- 1823 Roland Bland, 100 acres, Rolling Fork  
 1824, Roland Bland 100 acres " "  
 1825 Roland Bland 100 acres " "

Other Blands were listed but only Charles and Rolly ( Roland) were copied.,  
 by Dr. Curtis Bland of Terre Haute, Indiana

Bible records of Thomas Roland Bland ( son of Thomas Roland Bland and his second wife Sallie Thomas) both father and son were called "Rolly" The bible records were given to Dr. Curtis Bland of Terra Haute, Ind. by Mrs. Weatherhold of Hardingsburg, Ky. Her brother Watt lived nead Litchfield, Ky. Their father Thomas Roland Bland and wife Sarah lived when children were small near Hadginsville and attended Nolin Baptist Church.

Bible dates

- Thomas Roland Bland born June 28, 1825
- Sally Bland born Dec. 7, 1824
- Amelia Bland born Apr. 27, 1846
- Betty Bland born Nov. 26, 1848
- William B. Bland born Jan 6, 1850
- John Bland born Dec. 26, 1851
- Susan Bland born Apr. 7, 1853
- Mattie Bland born Feb. 9, 1855
- Isabelle Bland born Feb. 26, 1860
- Watt born Aug. 24, 1861
- Samuel A. Bland born Aug. 4, 1863
- Anna Bland born July 24, 1866
- Thomas Bland born Sept. 19, 1868

In June 28, 1942 when Dr. Bland obtained the above records Amelia Bland oldest child of Thomas Roland Bland was still living with her son John Bryant at Irv Irvington, Ky. Isabelle Weatherhold went with Dr. Bland to show him the location of her child hood home.