

Group 03 - Isle of Wight, King & Queen, Caroline & Rockingham Cos., VA; Pendleton, Hardy Cos. VA/WV

Ancestors of those who tested into **Group 3** originated from: Isle of Wight Co., VA (1634 original shire); King and Queen Co., VA (1691 from New Kent); Caroline Co., VA (1727-28 from King & Queen, Essex & King Williams Cos., VA); Rockingham Co., VA (1778 from Augusta Co.); Hardy Co., VA/WV (1785 from Hampshire Co.), and Pendleton Co., VA/WV (1787 from Augusta, Hardy, Rockingham, and Bath Cos.). Although the DNA participants clearly share a common ancestor, that ancestor has not yet been identified, so right now there are 5 distinct lines. The Henry Numbering System cannot be used until we find that common ancestor. Until that time this line will be numbered with both numbers and alpha.

DNA evidence from 2016 seems to link **Groups G03.A-C** and separates them from **Groups 03.D-E**. **Group 03.E's Thomas Bland** was b. 1740, and obviously came along after **03.B's William Bland** (whose descendants carry a repeat of 18 at Marker 32), so he must have thrown a mutation at Marker 32, with the STR repeat of 17. Truthfully, it could have been a generation or so before or after **Thomas**, but the mutation is clearly in this **Thomas Bland's** line. Therefore, because descendants of **G03.D's Josiah Bland** (b. 1820) also had the STR repeat of 17, I think we can surmise that they are likely from **Thomas** somehow. Conversely, those in **Group 03.A-C** are not from **Thomas Bland's** line.

G03.A James Bland [[Family #19](#)] (ca 1717 -) of Isle of Wight Co., VA married Elizabeth _____. See: AC21/23, pp. 169-177 and AC24/26, pp. 21-27. Caution: **James** was inserted into Group 03A by Charles as a guess. Further research is needed to keep him here. For now, the most distant ancestor with paperwork to back it up is **Lemuel Bland**, father of **Thomas Bland** (b. ca 1805 prob. Isle of Wight Co., VA – d. before 1860, as identified by a genealogist hired by Rhoda Bland Mahoney, a descendant of **Thomas Bland**).

DNA participant from this line is:

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Richard W.E. Bland

William Cole Bland

G03.B William Bland [[Family #10](#)] (ca 1717-1803), of King and Queen Co., VA married Suckey ?. See: VU, pp. 392-396 and AC1-2, pp. 26-27; AC2-1, pp. 19-22; AC2-2, pp. 24-26; AC3-1, pp. 8-9 and 39; AC3-2, pp. 9-10 and 15-22; AC4-1, pp. 17-20; AC4-2, pp. 5-7; AC5-2, pp. 13-15; AC6-2, pp. 3-5; AC7-1, pp. 12-14; AC7-2, pp. 13-15; AC8-1, pp. 9-10; AC9-1, pp. 14-36. AC9-2, p. 28; AC18, p. 98; AC21/23, 104-107; AC24/26, pp. 143-146.

DNA participants from this line are:

Virgil Leslie Bland, Sr.
Samuel Russell Bland

G03.C Thomas Bland [Family #34—2nd 34] (1783/1788 – 1863) of Caroline Co., VA married Mary (Martha) Bouleware (Bowler). See: AC21/23, pp. 177-185; AC24/26, pp. 119-125.

DNA participant from this line is:

Bernard Leo Bland

G03.D Josiah Bland [Family #31] (1820-1898) of Hardy Co., VA married Susan B. (Margaret Susan) Coler. See: AC21/23, pp. 185-191.

DNA participants from this line are:

John Richard Bland
Robert Miles Roscoe Bland

G03.E Thomas Bland, [Family #9] (ca 1740-1826) of Pendleton Co., VA/WV married 1st Margaret _____; 2nd Rachel Shoulders. See: VU, pp. 398-399 and AC2-2, pp. 14-23; AC3-2, pp. 23-27; AC4-2, pp. 9-20 and 41; AC5-2, pp. 15-18; AC7-1, pp. 19-20; AC8-1, p. 10; AC12-1, pp. 7-54; AC12-2, pp. 17-18; AC13, pp. 79-81.

DNA participants from this line are:

John Morris Bland
Joseph William Bland
Richard Erskine Bland
Kit # 159368
Neil Carlton Bland
Joseph Barrett Bland
Kit #227928 (surname Shartiger. but Bland by blood)

This participant only ordered 12 markers and did not respond to my queries about his ancestry, but he is a match for **Group 03**.

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