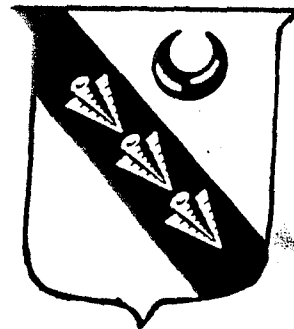


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## MAX KESSINGER (1917-1988)

Max Kessinger died on September 26, 1988 after a long illness. He was one of those rare gentlemen, good and decent man, dedicated genealogist, thus a faithful and frequent correspondent, and owner of a keen sense of humor as well. Among the joys one always anticipated at forthcoming National Reunions was that Max Kessinger would be there with his wife Dee to entertain and delight everyone with his presence.

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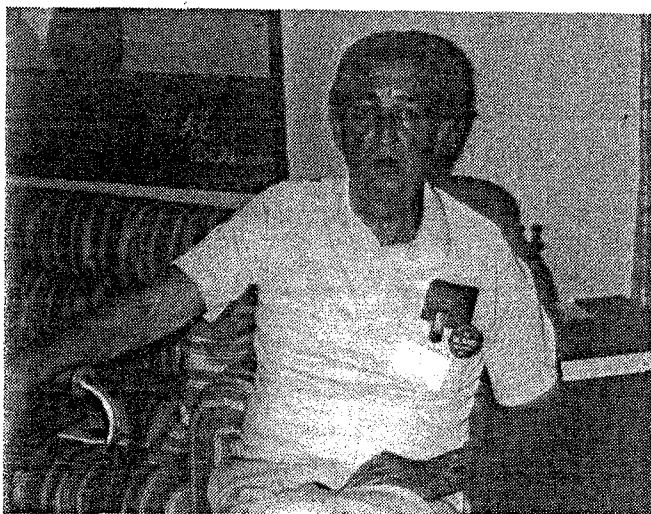
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Although it was obvious at the Fourth National Reunion last summer that Max was not well, it is a testament to his will and determination to be among his Bland Cousins that he attended anyway.

Max came from one of the most colorful family branches I have discovered. He loved to regale me with stories about how his great grandfather William Bland (1845-1883) came back from the Civil War a handsome and dashing young man, (see William's photo, AC 2-2, p. 34, and the story, AC 2-1, pp. 10-11), stole away Leannah Burnett (1850-1870), a mysterious beauty of the plains, the sweetheart, alas, of his younger brother Moses, who was detained in service to the Union until October 1865. Max showed me a letter written by old Moses that showed his bitterness when he recalled, 35 years later, that his brother had married "a woman named Burnett." Moses' revenge was that he outlived both and wrote the historical record. It is unfortunate that we do not have Leannah's recollection. Ultimately, Max descended from the Randolph County, North Carolina Family, founded were Moses Bland (1718-1800) and his wife Jane Wiggonton.

Max Kessinger was born in Muldane Kansas July 19, 1917, the son of Cresse Ernst Kessinger and Esther Lee Bland. Esther was the daughter of Levi Edward Bland and Ida M. Foudray, also Kansans. Max is survived by his wife Delores "Dee" Falk, whom he married July 28, 1946, and two children, Patricia Dee Kessinger and Marc Lee Kessinger. Max worked for many years as Chief of Administration for the Wichita Kansas Branch of the Internal Revenue Service. He retired in 1970.

Max demonstrated his love for his ancestors by his careful and insightful research and enlivened it with his eye for the humor in things. In turn, he earned the love and respect of many of us living today who share his interest in the history of the Bland family. Goodbye Max. Rest well.



Max Kessinger, August 10, 1985, Elizabethtown Kentucky  
Courtesy Mary Jane Sine

**The Fourth National Reunion, August 1988:** The Fourth National Bland Reunion met at Pittsboro North Carolina, August 13-14, 1988. Each of the National Reunions thus far has had its own special character. The Fourth Reunion was superbly organized with a great deal of painstaking attention to detail by the hosts, Clyde and Hazel Ellis Bland of Pittsboro, and the associates who assisted them. These included Clyde and Hazel's daughters Peggy Bland Chason and Sally Bland Carr, and Clyde's sister Evie Bland Schmidt. Also assisting were Pete Chason, Antionette G. Marley, Harris and Dee Marley, Peggy Foxx, Doris Jean Bland and Auburn Bland Harris. Invocations were conducted by Reverend Thomas Bland and Reverend Tom Danek. The end result was a very happy and joyous reunion, marked by entertainment, good food and conversation, shared research information and just plain relaxing good times.

The Fourth Reunion was the largest so far, numbering 185 (unofficial count) from twenty two states. These included 131 from the local area and 54 from out of state, with ages of those in attendance ranging from infancy to 83. States represented were Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. By my count, if Michael Dukakis had been as well represented in last Fall's election we would now be calling our first lady "Miss Kitty."

Clyde Bland informed me that there was a surplus of \$573. which was distributed among the following cemetery funds: Richard Bland Cemetery Fund <sup>1</sup>; Hank's Chapel Christian Church; New Elam Christian Church; Gum Springs Baptist Church. The latter three churches, in Chatham County North Carolina each have Bland ancestors buried in their cemeteries.

Phyllis Michael of Bristol, Virginia and Lois Taylor of Shelbyville, Indiana, proposed a **Bland Family Quilt**, with donations for each section, proceeds to be given to a favorite charity or fund to be decided upon at a future reunion. This is a worthy idea which Phyllis and Lois will present as a matured proposal at the next reunion.

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<sup>1</sup> The Richard Bland Cemetery project, which has as its objective preservation from commercial development of the cemetery at Jordan's Point Virginia, where Richard Bland (1710-1776) and many of his family were buried, is still active. Those who wish to make a tax free contribution to the fund should send it to **The Richard Bland Cemetery Fund**, CO/ President Clarence Maze, Richard Bland College, Petersburg Virginia, 23805. The Bland Family is grateful to President Maze and his staff as well as to Bill and Vera Moore of Hopewell Virginia, for their continuing interest in this project.

**Other Reunions:** A Bland reunion, representing the Bland Family descended from Joseph Bland of Frederick County Virginia, gathered at Big Flint, Doddridge County West Virginia on July 24, 1988. I received only a news clipping of this event and no other word.

**The Forthcoming Fifth National Reunion, Mathison Mississippi:**

The Fifth National Bland Reunion will meet August 12-13, 1989 at Mathison Mississippi, a small town about fifty miles from Jackson. The reunion will be sponsored by cousin Angelia Alford of Meban Mississippi. Angelia descends from the Duplin County North Carolina stem family, through Joseph Bland (C1750-1799), brother of James Bland (C1749-1799), and John Bland (C1754-1827), founders of the Chatham County North Carolina families, whose descendants sponsored the Fourth Reunion. The selection of Mathison Mississippi, in addition to Cousin Angelia's willingness to take on the job, maintains the now established tradition of holding the Reunions in alternate years in seaboard states and states further west, so that as many interested cousins as possible may attend. We look forward to seeing you in Mathison Mississippi next August.

**Library Placements:** During the most recent half-year, copies of A Vision of Unity were placed in The Satilla Regional Library, Douglas Georgia, and in The British Library, Department of Printed Books, Overseas English Section, London England. Cousin Eleanore Hayes Smith, Tucson Arizona, who previously dedicated all of her personal issues of Among Cousins to the Tucson Public Library, informed me that she has contributed copies of the 27 years worth of diaries of her ancestor Jacob Andrew Bland (1829-1903) of Ashland Indiana and Chariton Iowa, (AC 1-1, p. 8 and Attach. 15, and 1-2, pp. 25-26, and photos), to the Chariton Iowa Public Library, which will also extend to the Iowa Historical Society. Jacob's diaries also will be microfilmed by the Kansas Historical Society, Topeka Kansas. Mrs. Smith and her ancestor Jacob Andrew Bland descend from an English Seaman William Bland who came to America and was lost at sea in 1804. Mrs. Smith has been a faithful subscriber since 1982, but has not had much luck in enlarging her knowledge of her Bland line.

**The Papers of Dorothy James (Mrs. Lee) Herrington:** While catching up on, I am ashamed to confess, about two years of filing, I reread a letter from Cousin Merritt Page of Green City Missouri, who indicated that he had been informed by a correspondent in Westfield New Jersey that the prodigious research of Mrs. Lee Herrington, deceased, had been placed at the Westfield New Jersey Public Library. I called the Westfield Library, and the librarian of the Local History Room confirmed that Mrs. Herrington's Papers had indeed been formed into the "Herrington Collection".

Mrs. Herrington's work was enormous, her contacts and correspondence prolific and like many of us, she held a catholic interest in the Bland family. Possession of her papers, as they pertain to the Bland family, would prove to be immensely beneficial to many aspects of the family's research. After the Newsletter is completed, I will be writing to New Jersey and nearby correspondents to see if anyone has the time, means and disposition to survey the material to see what is there and estimate a cost for reproduction. In the meantime, this is a plea for volunteers who may be travelling to or near Westfield, which is a New Jersey town not far from major commercial centers, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Elizabeth, Jersey City and Newark. I would be glad to hear from anyone who may be in a position to do this preliminary investigation.

Collections for a History of the Ancient Family of Bland, by Nicholas Carlisle, Indexer Sought: This is a plea for help which might be of interest to those who can't find the origins of their line outside North America. I have a copy of this venerable book of Bland families in England, Scotland and Ireland, published in 1826. The book is 300 odd pages long and needs a modern index, preferably on a floppy disk. (one done by Fanny Bland Kimble sometime in the latter half of the 19th century just isn't adequate). If anyone would like to take this as a summer 1989 project, or longer, let me know.

Harriet Bland Green, Olympic Gold Medalist: I was interested to hear from a new correspondent Dorothea Elizabeth Gilbreath of St. Louis Missouri, who descends from the Washington County Kentucky Family through Elizabeth Bland, sister of Richard Park Bland, who married Frederick Ingman Tetley. Elizabeth wrote, "I did have the pleasure of meeting another 'cousin' Harriet Bland Green, who distinguished herself in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. She won a Gold Medal for the 100 meter relay team of the U.S. Her Grandfather was Judge Charles C. Bland, who was the brother of R. P. Bland and my great grandmother Elizabeth Bland Tetley. As far as I know she is still living but in very poor health." <sup>2</sup>

Beatrice Bayley Give Me a Break: A correspondent favored me with a communication received from one John E. Bland of Bath Ohio, inviting him to take advantage of "exiting news for you and other Blands", the publication of "A brand new book, 'Bland Immigrants and Their New World Descendants'". Many of you with \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> Letter, Elizabeth Gilbreath to Charles Bland, September 6, 1988. CF VU, pp. 463-477. Elizabeth Bland moved from Washington County, Kentucky to Bonne Terre Missouri, where she married Mr. Tetley. They had eleven children, including Elizabeth Tetley Greene, who was Dorothea Gilbreath's grandmother.

the surname Bland (but none of you who are allied to the Bland family by maternal lines, alas, you know the limits of the modern computer age) will have received an invitation to buy, Mr. Bland's book at the amazing price of just \$26.38. Mr. Bland claims to have tracked down 95% of the Blands around the world. But wait, that's not all! If you buy the book, you will also receive a directory of "virtually every Bland household throughout North America and Australia Today. You are personally registered in this section of the book." Now did you ever hear of such a thing? Somebody has went and gave our addresses to those Blands in Australia. Caveat Emptor!

The Not So Bland, Bland Family Cookbook: Just a note to let you know that several extra copies of this number are on hand and may be ordered for \$7.95. Also, Jane has indicated a willingness to either revise the original manuscript, or to prepare a second volume. If you have favorite family recipes you have not previously sent to Mary Jane, please do so. There are no magical genealogical formulas in this book, just good recipes.

Transition: Let us begin this on a happy note. In December 1988, Richard Park and Dorothy Bland's daughter Rebecca gave birth to Ryan Anthony Bland Trancuso. Thus, Ryan Anthony has the honor of having as his Great, Great Grandfather, Richard Park "Silver Dick" Bland (1835-1899). We welcome Ryan Anthony to the Bland family.

At the Reunion in August, I was saddened to learn of the death of Elaine Spencer Bland, wife of John T. Bland of Arlington Virginia, February 18, 1988. John and Elaine received my son Tommy and I for an overnight stay one night in October 1984, so I had the pleasure of meeting Elaine. Also, Herbert Francis Bland Jr., Paragould Arkansas, informed me of the death of his brother Robert Preston Bland of Paragould, February 21, 1988. Kenny Bland of Solsberry Indiana, sponsor for the 1987 Reunion, informed me that his father in law, Paul Culbert passed away August 2, 1988. Jane and I had the pleasure of meeting Paul at the 1987 Reunion. Roy Bland of Midland Texas wrote to tell me of the death of his wife Emma Lee Bland on October 12, 1988. Those of us who met Emma at the First National Reunion in Elizabethtown Kentucky will miss her. I note also the deaths of George Carlton Bland, brother of Richard Park Bland of Denver Colorado and Stephen and Worth Bland, cousins of Betty Bland Lovvorn of Ooltewah Tennessee, dates uncertain. I note also the passing of Robert G. Bland of Buffalo New York, September 17, 1988, and John Ramsden Bland, age 76, of Cooperstown New York, October 5, 1988. John Bland was born in England and served with the RAF during World War II, after which he moved to the United States. We mourn the passing of these members of the Bland family.

**Note on Transitions:** Please remember to send me obituaries when present day Bland family members pass away. Also, **please**, though I do not wish to seem morbid, make some arrangement for your next of kin to notify me by phone or mail, if you pass away, and make them understand that my publication is somewhat more personal than other subscriptions you may have.

I would enjoy expanding the **Transitions** column to marriages and births. For marriages, please let me know the names of the couple, maiden name of the bride, their ages if possible, where and when married. For births, include name, sex, and date of birth for the child and the full name and address of the parents. No advertisements will be sent to the parents. Photos would be welcome. Though I must reserve judgement whether to use them in **Among Cousins**, I would certainly add them to the album discussed below.

I now have a modest collection of photos of present day correspondents have sent to me, of themselves. I always enjoy seeing the faces of my correspondents. It is one of the pleasures of the National Reunions. If you have any recent photos that I may add to my collection, please send them, identified on the back by sender. Since these will go into an album, I would appreciate your sending copies you don't need returned.

#### **VIRGINIA: THE JAMES RIVER FAMILY**

##### **Children of Richard Bland, 1710-1776 and Anne Poythress:**

1. **Peter Randolph Bland, (1736-1781)** Information has been received that refines previous information about the family of Peter Randolph Bland, (VU, p. 163 and AC5-1, pp 14-17). Francis Bland of Paragould Arkansas sent me from the Fayette County Tennessee Library, a brief biography of Peter Randolph Bland, (shown in Paisley, cf Note 4, with dates (1769-March 3, 1834), one of the children of the elder Peter Randolph Bland's son Richard, who was said to have married a woman named Sallie Dickens. This Richard was earlier noted with children who included Sally Dickens Bland and Peter Randolph Bland. The new information indicates that Sally married a man named Broadnax, and that Peter married a woman named Sarah. Peter had inherited his father's estate, "Enfield" in Virginia. In 1824, Peter and Sarah moved into Fayette County Tennessee and set up a plantation near Belmont, which he called "Woodlawn". In 1834, four of Peter and Sarah's children died of diphtheria or cholera. Only a son Osceola Bland survived. Peter Randolph Bland the younger was a Presbyterian minister. He established the first Presbyterian Church at Emmaeus in Haywood County, and also was minister to the first Presbyterian church in Bolivar. When the First Presbyterian Church opened in Belmont, Peter Randolph Bland became minister and remained there for the rest of his life. Peter was reputedly

a stern faced man, with a serious nature and apocalyptic voice. The story is told that he picked up a man to ride in his buggy and abruptly asked if the man was prepared to meet God. Thinking, he was about to be murdered, the poor man fled. <sup>3</sup> Peter was reputed to be a wealthy man. Still living in 1860, the census of that year counted him with 105 slaves, the largest slave owner in the county.

Upon his death, Peter left his entire estate to his son Osceola, who died a year after his father. Osceola left the estate to a cousin Eliza Bland Yandell and to his aunt Sally Bland Broadnax, who evidently traveled to Fayette County with Peter. Part of the estate became the Woodlawn Cemetery at Belmont.

Margaret Joyal and Richard Knight, both of Virginia Beach Virginia, supplied the following information about Edward Bland, (1767-1831), son of Peter Randolph Bland and Judith Booker, (AC 5-1, pp. 17-18): <sup>4</sup>

Paisley shows Edward's birth as August 8, 1767, rather than February 2, 1767, as previously reported. Edward died November 10, 1831. Paisley also clarifies previous information: Edward was indeed a lawyer in Nottoway and surrounding counties. Edward lived at a plantation called "Abbeville" as a bachelor, his sister Anne acting as mistress of the place. That says something for we know that Anne filed her will in 1806 (AC 5-1, p. 18) and Edward, rather long in the tooth for a bachelor even by 18th Century standards, married Rebecca Jones (October 20, 1791 - September 26, 1841) in Nottoway County June 29, 1808.

According to the information in Edward Bland's Bible Record, he and his wife Rebecca Jones had the following children:

A. Judith Maria Bland (October 19, 1809 - 1856), who married Henry C. Worsham March 16, 1825. Contrary to previous information published, Henry and Maria had five children, Rebecca, Lelia, Harriet,, Edward, and Patrick.

B. Margaret Emma Bland (July 17, 1811 - 1867), married George W. Harrison, November 20, 1827, and they moved to Texas. Margaret and George had three children, Lucy, Emma and Virginia.

C. Edward Stith Bland (April 11, 1813- died November 7, 1825).

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<sup>3</sup> Another version of this story has a barber-minister laying a straight razor across the neck of a customer and asking if he is prepared to die.

<sup>4</sup> Family Bible owned by Edward Bland, (1767-1831), and Edward Bland Paisley, Compiler, Bland Genealogy, (July 11, 1964). According to Paisley, Peter Randolph Bland's wife Judith Booker was "noted for her piety and intelligence."



D. Ann Augusta Bland, (March 15, 1815- ) married the Reverend Stephen Cocke November 5, 1833. They had three daughters, Willie, Ella and Nannie.

E. Martha Branch Bland, (February 4, 1817 - ) married John David Williams October 1, 1835 and had by him a daughter Mary Elizabeth Poythress.

F. William Richard Bland, (December 14, 1818 - March 24, 1878). William married twice: (1) On September 27, 1843, to Elizabeth Ann Irby, (August 1, 1825 - August 1, 1848), by whom he had daughters Rebecca (July 25, 1844 - May 30, 1879) and Sarah A. Bland (June 14, 1846 - July 29, 1930). (2) On May 15, 1850, William Richard Bland married Matilda Oliver Epes (March 6, 1831 - August 18, 1892). Their seven children were as follows:

(1). Edward Bland (May 6, 1851 - October 30, 1901), at Blackstone Virginia. He married Nannie Cooke June 21, 1881 at Smith Grove Kentucky. Edward and Nannie had six children (a) Ernest (1883-1884); (b) Mattie Williams Bland (October 2, 1885- ), who married Jenie Burke, December 24, 1901; (c) Helen Epes Bland (June 16, 1886 - ), who married Richard Orme of Macon Georgia; (d) Virginia Bland, never married; (e) Mary Estelle Bland, who married Thomas Edmund Gossum; (f) William Richard Bland, who married Ruth Cole of Kentucky about 1919. (2) William Richard Bland Jr. (May 11, 1854 - August 23, 1854); (3) Martha Oliver Bland, (June 30, 1855 - September 20, 1925), buried at Blackstone Virginia. Martha married William McLean Paisley, November 15, 1888 and lived with him in Gordon Arkansas; (4) Judith Maria Bland (June 18, 1858 - March 18, 1938). Judith is buried in Blackstone Virginia by her sister Martha; (5) Peter Epes Bland (October 13, 1860 - January 22, 1863); (6) William Harris Bland (September 5, 1865 - May 23, 1891); This gap between Peter Epes and William Harris suggests that William Richard Bland (1818-1873), did military service during the Civil War. (7) Emma Branch Bland (November 14, 1867 - November 18, 1947). Emma died at Wyandotte Pennsylvania and was buried by her sisters Martha and Judith at Blackstone Virginia.

G. Rebecca Bland (December 4, 1820 - ) married Thomas Robert Cocke January 12, 1839 and they moved to Victoria Texas. They had five children, Dora, Venable, Hamett, Zulika and Guelee.

H. Sarah Frances Bland (June 26, 1823 - ) married the Reverend Clack Robinson June 5, 1844. They had six children: Henry Burrell; Edward Bland; Rebecca Clack; Nonnie M; Martha Virginia and William Clack.

I. Eliza Virginia Bland, (July 21, 1825-October 20, 1825).

J. Virginia Bland, (February 20, 1827 - ) Married T. Roper Williams, November 11, 1845.

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<sup>25</sup> Martha Oliver Bland Paisley was the mother of Edward Bland Paisley, (1890-1974), who compiled the Genealogy, note 4.

2. **John Bland (1739-1777)**. Previously, (AC 5-1, pp. 18-20, 21) I asserted that John Bland married Clara Yates <sup>♁</sup> and had by her two sons, John Bolling Bland (C1765 - ) and Richard Yates Bland, (C1771-1852). A new correspondent, Jessie Richmond Harper of Estero Florida, agrees with me. "Clary Bland" appears as executrix of John's estate inventory of May 15, 1777. The inventory lists furniture and the following slaves: America, Ned, Robin, Bob, Guy, Davy, Moses, Afryca, Peter, Billy, Tom, Venus, Hanner and child Ned, Cecilia and her child Harry, Annaky and her child Nanny, Betty, Letty, Phyllis, Peg, Hanner, Dolly, Beck, Patience, Murreer, Rachel, Milly and Betty.

Mrs. Harper believes that Clara Yates was the daughter of Elizabeth Randolph Yates, who died December 17, 1783, widow of William Yates (1720-1764) and second wife of Theodorick Bland (1719-1784), uncle of Clara's husband John (1739-1777). William Yates, Clara's brother and Elizabeth's son, was called son-in-law in Theodorick's will of July 16, 1783 and is called son in Elizabeth's will. In her will of December 16, 1783, Elizabeth names her grand daughter Ann Bland (1747- ), who married Thomas Eaton, VU, pp. 168B-169. This may also be Anne Bland Eaton Dudley, Ann Bland Eaton's daughter, mentioned elsewhere in the will as Ann Bland Dudley). Very little is known of Ann, but in her will Elizabeth Randolph Yates Bland names her son William Yates to hold several slaves until Ann is married. In 1783, Ann would be 36! Elizabeth also names three daughters Susannah Murray, Clara (Yates Bland ) Bolling and Lucy Lundie. Elizabeth's will names her sons in law Robert Bolling and Thomas Lundie as executors and witnesses include Peter and Edward Bland. The correlation seems inescapable.

L.P. Bland of Wakefield Virginia has thrown an interesting wrinkle into this, by recurring to a LDS record that shows John Bland (1739-1777) marrying a woman named Rachel Reed (further compounded by another John Bland-Rachel Reed marriage, VU, p. 162). L.P., whose research has always been challenging and insightful, writes that he obtained a genealogical chart of the Bland family from the Virginia Historical Society, which shows that John Bland married Clara Yates in 1773, and by her had a son Theodorick, who died early in life and a Richard Yates Bland (1773-1852), whose birth date would have been possible in the framework of the proposed date of marriage to Clara Yates of 1773. L.P.: "I raise the question, why did John Bland-1739, wait until he was 34 years old before he married? Is it possible that

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<sup>♁</sup> After John Bland died, Clara Yates Bland married Robert Bolling (1751-1791), December 10, 1779. Cf, Virginia Genealogist, (January-March 1968), p. 34. Clara's husbands died young. She must have been something. Clara had by Robert Bolling a daughter Elizabeth Yates Bolling. Robert's will in Dinwiddie County 1791, names his wife Clara and two children, Robert, and "our" Susannah.

he married previously and his first wife died before 1773? Another question I have is why is it that John Bland did not name a son after himself, which all his other brother's did?" The inference is that John married Rachel Reed before Clara Yates and had a son John, born about 1765. John is assumed to have been born no later than 1765/1767 because of his purchase of land from his step-father, June 3, 1788 and other transactions manumitting slaves in 1787 and 1789, (AC 3-1, p. 8). This framework may work. It suggests only that John Bland's two sons who lived to adulthood were children of two different wives, Rachel Reed and Clara Yates. Of course, John Bland (C1765/1767- ) may not be the son of John, and it may be that Clara Yates made short work of John before he could name a son John.

The obituary of Richard Yates Bland <sup>7</sup> indicates that he died February 12, 1852, "in the 81st year of his age" and the 1850 Census showed the old boy, aged 80, living with his son in Dinwiddie County. Thus, two separate sources show that Richard Yates Bland was in fact born in 1770. Thus, if the genealogical chart relied upon by L.P. Bland, showing John's marriage to Clara Yates as 1773, is accurate, neither could Clara have been the mother of Richard Yates Bland. On the other hand, Richard's name gives rise to a shrewd suspicion that in fact she was Richard Yates Bland's mother. I think she was and the genealogical chart used by L.P. Bland didn't get it right. My source in AC 5-1, was a chart made in 1897 by William Miles Corey, (AC 5-1, p. 9). After all is said and done I find I must stand by it. Richard Yates Bland married Anna Booth, (1772-after 1850).

**3. William Bland, (1742-1803).** A genealogical chart supplied by, I believe, Margaret Joyal of Virginia Beach, Virginia, provides further detail about William's third marriage to Ann Harwood (C1750-1818). Their first son was Edward Bland, (C1786 - September 17, 1822). Edward married Delilah Walker (April 30, 1791 - November 4, 1855) on December 26, 1808. I erred previously in reporting their first child as Ann Harwood Bland, (AC 5-1, p. 21). In fact their first child was a son, William Harwood Bland, (September 26, 1809 - ). A child named Ira Bland, (1811- ) was acknowledged by neither Corey or the new information and I assume does not belong in the line of Edward Bland and Delilah Walker. <sup>8</sup> Other children were Sarah Ann Bland Appleby (1813-1888), and John Davis Bland (1815- ).

The second son of William Bland and Ann Harwood was Theodorick Bland, (1790-1818) whose two sons William Henry Bland and Theodorick James Boyd Bland, have been accurately noted.

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<sup>7</sup> The Richmond Enquirer, April 27, 1852.

<sup>8</sup> This Ira Bland is probably the son of William Bland and Mary Ann Corr of King and Queen County Virginia, (AC 3-2, p. 18 and 4-1, p. 19).

**VIRGINIA: THE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY FAMILY**

**The Family of Isaac Bland (C1798-1868):**

Isaac was born in King and Queen County, the eldest son of William Bland (C1765-1838) and Mary Ann Corr (1774-1813), (AC 3-2, pp 15-22 and 4-1, pp. 17-20). Just as William and Mary Ann's son Elliot found a historian in the most recent issue of "Among Cousins", (AC 6-2, pp. 3-5) so Isaac has found an active descendant. She is Ruth Bland White of Nashville Tennessee, who descends through Isaac's son, Thomas Jefferson Bland, (1850-1940).

Isaac married Lucy Wright in Davidson County Tennessee July 20, 1827, <sup>9</sup> and had by her a single child, Silas. Lucy died in 1834 and Isaac remarried, February 16, 1837 to Paralee Sanders in Sumner County. While his brother Elliot, (1813-1896), who idolized Isaac, moved on to Missouri, Isaac stayed behind in Sumner County. His family was as follows:

By Lucy Wright:

1. Silas Bland (C1830- ), married Emily Hall, September 23, 1856.

By Paralee Sanders:

2. Elizabeth Bland (C1837- ).
3. Martha A. Bland (C1838- ), married Jefferson T. Hanner of Heavner, June 22, 1857.
4. Alexander Bland (C1842- ) married Leticia Wallace, May 30, 1865.
5. Sophronia Bland (C1843- ).
6. Thomas Jefferson Bland (December 12, 1854 - February 7, 1940). Thomas married about 1875, Sallie Ann Dennis, (January 15, 1849 - March 21, 1913). Thomas and Sally had a single son, A. Joseph Lee Bland (January 4, 1877 - October 13, 1955).<sup>10</sup> Joseph Lee Bland married Carrie Merrill Allen (August 31, 1875 - January 4, 1964), on May 12, 1897. Carrie was born and died in Nashville. Joseph was born in Auburntown, Cannon County Tennessee. He worked as a Real Estates broker in Nashville. After Carrie's death, Joseph moved to St. Petersburg Florida, where he died. Joseph and Carrie had two children: (1) Thomas Allen Bland, (July 15, 1898 - January 2, 1988). Thomas married Mary Ruth Jackson (April 23, 1904 - ) on August 15, 1924, at Los Angeles California.; (2) Elizabeth Rachel Bland (May 7, 1909 - November 12, 1952).

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<sup>9</sup> Davidson County Tennessee Marriage Book I

<sup>10</sup> The birth dates for Thomas Jefferson and Joseph Lee Bland are as shown on Death Certificates. A Family Bible record shows Thomas Jefferson born December 15, 1850, and Joseph Lee Bland born January 10, 1876.

