

BLAND CEMETERY

Visited June 7, 1970. This homeplace cemetery is located south of Highway 64 on land which adjoins and is just north of 2630 Kate Bond Road, the home of Mrs. Thomas Ervin Coulter and her son, Jack Coulter, and his family. Mrs. Coulter, born in 1878, was the daughter of Jesse Lawrence Bland by his second marriage to Mrs. Martha I. (Seward) Marks. Mrs. Coulter had no brothers but had two sisters: Gertrude Bland who married _____ Locke; and Maude who married _____ Jeffries.

Martha I Seward was the daughter of Cargill B. and Annie (Kidd) Seward of Eads, Tenn. Her first husband was Will Marks. (See Volume I for Seward and Eads cemeteries.)

Jesse Lawrence "Tobe" Bland, 1838-1924 below, inherited the land from his father. Mrs. Coulter and her two sisters inherited the land later, and the share of a sister was the property that contained the cemetery. That land was sold first to George Hickson and later to Jack Ramsey of Memphis. Fencing of the cemetery has been destroyed, and the area is sadly neglected. Stones have been largely destroyed by cattle and time. Only the following stones and fragments remain:

J.L. Bland Feb. 12, 1838 July 11, 1924 At rest	Blanch Dau. of Theodore & Victory Loft Born Apr. 18, 1893 Died Feb. 6, 1909	Clarence E(ugene) Rogers Med. Dept. - U.S.A. (No other data) Lower part of a stone:
Mattie I. Wife of J.L. Bland Born Sept. 26, 1844 Died Jan. 30, 1917 She faltered by the wayside And the angels took her home.	N.D. Reese (On base of stone. Both initials are backwards.) Bartlett, Tenn. (The stone is broken) Died July 29, 1905 Budded on earth To bloom in Heaven.	_____ Born _____ Died Aug. 11, 1907 To forget is vain endeavor Love's remembrance last forever.
Sallie Reese Kuhl 1845 - 1934		

NOTES & ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTIONS - PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY (Pages 75-88 of Volume I)

This cemetery, located at 4762 Brunswick Road, is reported to have grown from four acres deeded by E.D. Hale to the Brunswick Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1853. The Commercial Appeal, 6 September 1953, reported the celebration of the cemetery's centennial year. The Commercial Appeal, 27 July 1969, Section 2, Page 8, reported the formation of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association, Inc., in 1937, the work of John Burlin Griffin in that project, and the later donation of 15 acres by Mrs. Griffin and his sister, Mrs. E.C. Watkins. As the cemetery neared its 120th anniversary, the association was working to raise the cemetery endowment fund to \$50,000 to provide for perpetual care.

After publication of Volume I of this series, Miss Anna L. McCorkle told the compilers of three inscriptions omitted from the lists for this cemetery. An embarrassed check of the area on 28 February 1971, revealed three stones inside the gate:

Emma Ewing Pyron McCorkle March 17, 1899 Sept. 2, 1966	Mildred Ann McCorkle 1937 - 1940	John Ralston Gragg 1898 - 1942
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Miss McCorkle said Emma Ewing Pyron married J.B. McCorkle, and John Ralston Gragg was a doctor and married Mildred Pyron.