

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

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	Mildred Ann McCorkle	John Ralston Gragg
March 17, 1899	1937 - 1940	1898 - 1942
Sept. 2, 1966		

Miss McCorkle said Emma Ewing Pyron married J.B. McCorkle, and John Ralston Gragg was a doctor and married Mildred Pyron.