
John & Maud Bland

John Edward Bland

Born: 1884 Oregon
Father & Mother's Birth Place: Oregon & Michigan

Anna Maud (Jones) Bland

Born: 1884 Missouri
Father & Mother's Birth Place: Kentucky & Missouri

1882 - 1883 John H. Bland and Ellen Lenore Houser married December 1882 in Burns, Oregon. John H. Bland was killed in a Burns shoot-out in 1883. John Edward Bland, John's son, was three months old at the time. Shortly after the widow, Ellen (Houser) Bland moved back to Grants Pass because her step-father, Horatio Rash Simpkins, owned the Simpkins Ranch near the mouth of Jump Off Joe Creek. Ellen's son, John Edward Bland, would grow up on the Simpkins Ranch which in 1895 totaled 360 acres.¹

1891 Charles Ladd's Hugo Homestead On May 12, 1891 Charles Ladd was issued a homestead certificate for 160 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 2478).²⁻³

1899 John Edward Bland's mother, Ellen (Houser) Bland, married Lewis W. Gibson December 11, 1889.¹

1. Hugo Neighborhood. 2001. *Margaret Lanore (Bland) Wallen's Quartz Creek Memories: 1912 - 2001*. Hugo, OR. Margaret Bland Wallen was born 1912 at the Bland's Quartz Creek ranch. She grew-up there until the Blands moved to Merlin, Oregon in 1923.

2. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records. 2007. Official Federal Land Records Site (<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>). Internet.

3. Hugo Neighborhood. 2007. *Hugo Pioneers*. Map Of Federal Land Transfer in Hugo, Oregon. Hugo, OR.

4. Metsher, Chas. F. *1932 Metsker Map. Josephine County, Oregon*. Portland, OR.

The John Bland Family, Hugo Pioneers: ca., 1880s - 19??

1900 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Louis Gibson	Head	OR	1862	38 yrs
Ella Gibson	Wife	MI	1862	38 yrs
Barch D. Gibson	Son	OR	1891	9 yrs
Lena S. Gibson	Dau	OR	1893	7 yrs
Dow L. Gibson	Son	OR	1895	5 yrs
Carline B. Gibson	Dau	OR	1895	5 yrs
John E. Bland	Stepson	OR	1884	16 yrs

Ed Bland is quite sick at his home near Merlin. By Merlin Night Hawk. *Rogue River Courier*. December 18, 1902. [Merlin Items](#).

1903 John Edward Bland and Anna Maude Jones marry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bland of Bellingham, Wash., returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit of two weeks here with Mr. Bland's mother and brother, Richard. Mr. Bland conducts a garage and is engaged in the sale of automobiles at Bellingham. *Rogue River Courier*. August 14, 1908. [Personal Items](#). Mrs. Dick Bland and Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy went to Jacksonville Thursday to visit friends and relatives. *Rogue River Courier*. April 13, 1910. [Personal And Local](#). H. M. Bland left north Thursday morning for Bear camp, where he and M. Espy of Bellingham, Wash., will spend three weeks in search of Bruin. *Rogue River Courier*. April 13, 1912. [Personal And Local](#).

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Homesteader

1910 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Edward Bland	Head	OR	1884	26 yrs
Maud Bland	Wife	MO	1884	26 yrs
Vermon Bland	Son	OR	1904	6 yrs
Herbert Bland	Son	OR	1907	3 yrs
Borema Bland	Son	OR	1909	1 yr

Edward was a farmer practicing general farming.

1920 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Edward Bland	Head	OR	1884	36 yrs
Maud Bland	Wife	MO	1885	35 yrs
John V. Bland	Son	OR	1905	14 yrs
Herbert F. Bland	Son	OR	1907	13 yrs
Daviana E. Bland	Son	OR	1900	10 yrs
Margaret Bland	Dau	OR	1913	7 yrs

Edward was a farmer practicing general farming.

1925 John Edward's Hugo Homestead On May 25, 1925 John Edward Bland was issued a homestead certificate for 40 acres in Hugo, Oregon (Patent No. 011961).²⁻³

1930 Census. Merlin Precinct, Josephine Co., OR

Edward Bland	Head	OR	1885	45 yrs
Maud A. Bland	Wife	MO	1890	40 yrs
Dorence E. Bland	Son	OR	1900	20 yrs
Doris M. Bland	Dau	OR	1913	17 yrs

Edward was the owner of a service station in Merlin, Oregon.

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

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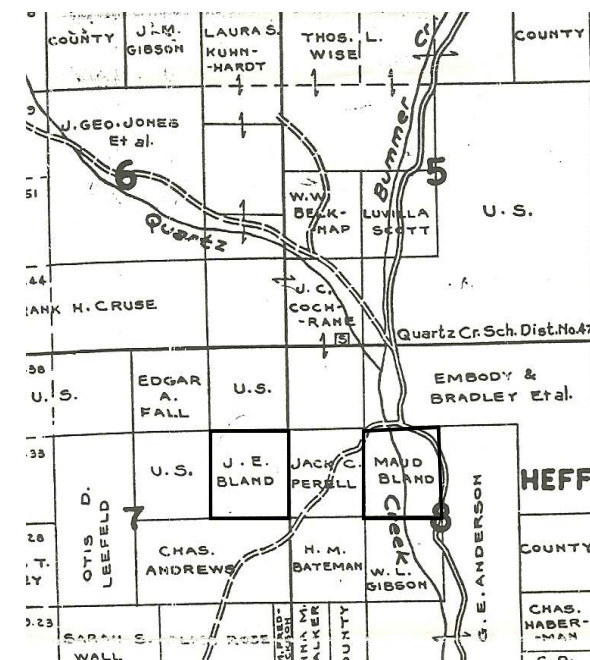
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