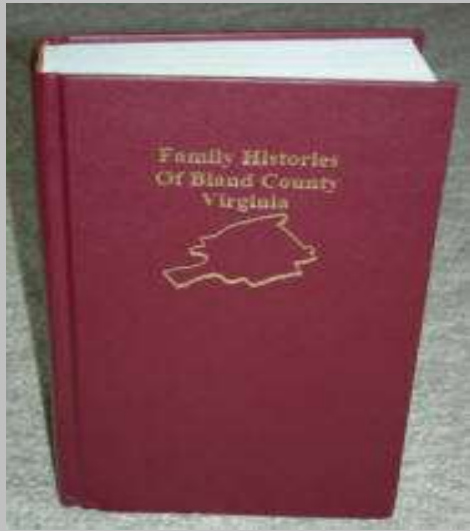


BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Quarterly Newsletter

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FAMILY HISTORIES OF BLAND COUNTY

\$35.00 (SOCIETY OFFICE)
\$41.00 (SHIPPED)

BOOK PARTY

On March 9th at 1:30pm
Spring Quarterly Membership Meeting
will be held at the Bland Library

We are planning a celebration of the publication of our long-awaited book, "Family Histories of Bland County". Board Members will be discussing their favorite family stories. We will have books available for purchase following the meeting. There will be a brief business meeting to bring all of you up to date on activities of the Society since our last meeting in December. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.



President's Message

I am honored to have been elected President of the Bland County Historical Society. I was born and raised in Bland. After graduating with the Class of 1957 at Bland High School, I was away for a number of years. Several years ago, Elmer and I bought a place in the Little Creek section of Bland County.

After coming back to Bland County, we began volunteering at the Society Office one day a week. Among the many things that we have done during those past few years include helping with the cataloging of items from the Bogle Library, researching and answering historical or genealogical questions that come to us by way of email or phone. In addition, I had the pleasure of scouring the 1962 Bland Messengers to develop our 2012 Historical Society Calendar. I have written a couple of historical glimpses of Bland County entitled: *The Lynching of Ivy Jackson* and *3 Hots and a Cot* about the CCC Camp in Bastian. I am now working on the 3rd glimpse, which will be about the formation of Bland County and the chaotic war years that followed.

We have an exciting history waiting to be discovered. It is my hope that you will become interested in discovering your Bland County past by using the facilities of the Bland County Historical Society. We have a very good library and genealogical database. Come by and see us.

We'd also love to have you volunteer as there are many things to do with renovating our space at the jail, developing programs and displays, and cataloging the many items that have been donated.

Ann Hardy Beardshall

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At the 2012 Annual Membership in December, the following officers and directors were elected:

2013 Officers/Board of Directors

President	Ann Hardy Beardshall
Vice	Sue Ellen Tate
President	
Secretary	Barbara Kemp
Treasurer	Jeanie Owens

Other Board Members

Jean Ann Davidson
Virginia Gills
Brenda King
Barbara Laban
Rita Palmer
Sharon Puckett
Harold Ramsey
Tom Richardson
JoAnn Tickle Scott
Doris Sink
Pat Turner

NEW CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 2013 for ORGANIZATIONS

We have a new category of membership for **Organizations**. The cost is **\$50 per year**.

If you are affiliated with a business or organization, please encourage their support of our efforts to promote the History of Bland County by becoming an organizational member.

For more information and an application, please see the membership section of the website or call Brenda King at the Society Office (276-688-0088).

DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Ann Hardy Beardshall spoke to the group about "3 Hots and a Cot", the book she co-authored with Judy Firestone Matthews about the Bastian CCC camp. The research required was extensive and varied from oral histories to national databanks. Ann shared slides and anecdotes from her research. She told us some of the men who came to the CCC camp married local girls and stayed in Bland, including Ms. Matthews' father, whose story provided some of the background for this book. It is a fascinating book and has been a "best seller" for the BCHS. Proceeds from the book all go to the Historical Society.

BCHS WEBSITE MAKEOVER

Our website has received a wonderful makeover thanks to Elmer Beardshall. If you have not visited it lately, please do. It has an easy to use index and access to previous articles, some wonderful pictures, gift shop items, a listing of the Bogle Library information and much more. A big thank you to Elmer. Find us at

<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/>

or friend us on Facebook.

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BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GIFT SHOP



FEATURED ITEM - 2013 NOTE CARDS

NEW. Gift boxes of 13 note cards/envelopes, featuring the color photos of beautiful Bland County in the 2013 Bland County Historical Society Calendar. Boxes are sturdy clear plastic, suitable for gift-giving, and sell for Contact the Society office for more information, 276-688-0088. \$18.00/box at the shop, or may be shipped for \$23.00. The notecards may also be purchased individually for \$2.00 each.

OTHER ITEMS IN THE SOCIETY OFFICE GIFT SHOP or BY ORDERING THROUGH THE WEBSITE

We have a number of items available for purchase at the Society Office Gift Shop or by ordering through the website. See the list below. Please go to www.blandcountyhistsoc.org and print an order form and mail to the office address. **(Note: All members receive a 10% discount on items purchased.)**

Afghan
Afghan Print
Books
Calendars
Hats
Cups
Marble Courthouse
Cookbooks
DVDs
Notecards
Ornaments

The Bland County Historical Society is located in the "old jail building". Volunteers are at the jail each Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for research and shopping, and on other days by appointment. ph (276) 688-0088

Purpose of the Bland County Historical Society

The purpose of the Bland County Historical Society is to bring together those people interested in history, and especially the history of Bland County. Understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life, gives us a better understanding of our state and nation, and promotes a better appreciation of our American heritage. The Society's major function is to **discover and collect any material** which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area. It provides for **the preservation of such material** and for **its accessibility**, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it. Through the Society's office, the Bogle Library and this website, **assistance with historical and genealogical questions** is offered.

Bland County Historical Society is a 501c 3 Non-Profit organization



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