

## 2e. Mary Ann Kelland

Mary Ann was the next child of George and Mary to survive infancy after George and John and she was born on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1841 in Bristol. She is the only one of their children not to emigrate to America, although three of their children did in the early 1900s. Mary Ann was brought up in Bristol, moving to the North of England with her parents in about 1853/4. She married a Charles Bland on Christmas Eve 1859 just after her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Presumably she was already pregnant as Charles and Mary Ann's first child George William was born in the second quarter of 1860.

On the 1861 census Charles and Mary Ann were found living next door to her mother in Droylsden. This showed that Charles worked in the cotton mills as an overlooker.

Over the next twenty years their family continued to grow; they had 11 children who survived infancy. They moved around the cotton spinning area of Lancashire and even spent some time in Scotland, why I don't know? My mother and other members of the family (Melvin Hurley) believed that the Blands originated in Scotland. This may well be true but my research shows that they were not from Scotland during the last 200 years. Perhaps it was Charles and Mary Ann's short stay there that led people to believe that was from where the Blands originated or maybe it was? More research is obviously needed

Below I list all of Charles and Mary Ann Kelland Bland's Children showing when and where they were born:

George William	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 1860	Droylsden
William	15 <sup>th</sup> April 1862	Droylsden
Hannah	1863	Glasgow
Eliza	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 1866	Glasgow
Robert	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 1868	Droylsden (Angola St)
Elizabeth Ann	18 <sup>th</sup> June 1871	Manchester
Mary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 1875	Rochdale
Charles	21 <sup>st</sup> April 1876	Rochdale
Sarah Ellen	11 <sup>th</sup> July 1877	Rochdale
John	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1878	Crompton
Thomas William	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 1879	Crompton



This photograph was taken about 1900 and is of Charles and Mary Ann Bland and their ten children. Sadly William had died in 1879 aged 17 years.

From 1881 until their deaths Charles (died 13<sup>th</sup> May 1911) and Mary Ann (died 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1921) they lived in the Chadderton/Oldham area.

I think just looking at this list of Mary Ann's children is interesting, especially noting that the last five children were born between 1875 – 1879 Mary Ann already having six children to look after! I also note that there were no births in the period 1863 – 1866 and again in 1871 – 1875. I wonder if Mary Ann perhaps had miscarriages, still births or was there an infant death in either of these periods; something for me still to check.

Another interesting point is that Robert Bland was shown as being born at Angola St Droydsden although Mary Ann's home address was given as Williams St Manchester. In the research done by David T. Kelland a descendant of Thomas Kelland, brother to our George Kelland Snr. He has certificates that show Thomas' son Joseph and his family were living at Angola St in 1869. One can only surmise that as Mary Ann's parents and probably all or most of her siblings had emigrated to America, then it was natural for her to turn to her nearest relatives in the country i.e. her cousins. I think it is rather comforting to think that after being brought up in rather a large family she wasn't left without any relatives once her parents and their children had left the country.

I am now going to leave Mary Ann and shall write her story and that of her descendants, who at the present time form a tree 40 pages in length, when I write the "Bland" story. Mary Ann was my great grandmother and her son Thomas William was my grandfather.