

Hanging of Bland the end of the story

How did Hiram Bland escape from the Greene County Jail after his conviction for murder in the fall of 1850? The court records indicate that he made his getaway by "breaking the floor of the jail," a feat the sheriff must have found somewhat embarrassing.

In the history of the case, there is no indication what that floor was made of, but jails in the first half of the 19th century were not as secure as ones built today. One curious fact regarding the case in general needs to be noted. Bland, the convicted, was the brother-in-law of the sheriff.



Looking back

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William McIntosh. History does not even venture to hint that Bland had any help in his escape, but there may have been whispers to that effect.

However he managed to escape, Bland had the obvious option of leaving the county at

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