

Historical Records of the Reverend Moses Sanders

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Year	County	
1742	Virginia?	Traditional birth year of Moses. This is the year that appears on the tombstone erected by Moses' great grandson Christopher Columbus Sanders. Although no documentation supports this date, it is compatible with the birth of Moses' first child, Aaron, in 1769. Aaron was probably born in Brunswick County, Virginia, because Joseph Hamilton, father of Moses' wife, lived in Brunswick. Christopher Columbus Sanders also stated that Moses was born in England, but Virginia is a more likely to have been his birthplace.
1771	Anson, N.C.	Moses receives land between Duncombe Creek and the Uwharrie River (present day Montgomery County. From Jim Sanders: "...Moses Sanders in 1771 entered 200 acres on Duncomb's Creek (NC) is cited as being adjacent to Nathaniel Steed and McCullough. Nathaniel Steed was a chain carrier for Moses. Moses Steed also was issued a patent for property that was adjacent to McCullough. Issued in 1783. [Like the Hamiltons, the Steeds were from Brunswick County, Virginia-gs]
1771	Anson	George Sanders receives 100 acres on Duncombe Creek (present day Montgomery County)
1772	Brunswick County, Virginia	From Jim Sanders: " On 26 Feb. 1772 on page 481 of Film #0030665 (order book 11): A notice of attachment to the estate of Moses Saunders was continued until the next court. On page 51 of FHL film # 0030666, order book 12, 1772-1774, dated 28 July 1772 we find this: An attachment attained by Thomas Preston, Plaintiff, against the estate of Moses Saunders is dismissed being agreed by the parties. 'Estate', as used in Brunswick documents, is 'all goods and possessions of the Defendant.' It is of note that Thomas Preston is a neighbor of the Hamilton's. Although Moses is not mentioned again in either deed records or lease records of Brunswick, it is strong circumstantial evidence because it places a Moses Saunders and a Mary Hamilton in the same, immediate geographic area as well as the correct time frame."
1772	Anson	1/15/1772 to 4/15/1775 Moses is mentioned in court records many times in Anson County (per Jim Sanders)
1772	Anson	Moses built Mill on Bumpass Fork of Little River (present day Montgomery County). East of Duncombe Creek.

1773	Anson	MAY 24, Aaron Sanders (brother of Moses) receives land on Barnes Creek between the Uwharrie river and Duncombe Creek. (present day Montgomery County)
1773	Anson	George Sanders receives land between Duncombe Creek and the Uwharrie river (present day Montgomery County). Relationship to Moses not known.
1773	Anson	1/22/1773...100 acres on the West side of the Uwharrie. Anson record #2940. book 22 page 147.
1774	Anson	7/23/1774. MOSES SANDERS receives 200 Acres in Anson county on Duncan's Creek of Uwharrie river. Anson County record #3449. book 26 page 37. His Authority from The Governor was for 240 Acres on Dumas Creek, but he received land on Duncombe Creek. (present day Montgomery County)
1774	Anson	Moses. 7/23/1774..."200 Acres on the N.E. of Pee Dee on Abners Creek". Anson record #3450. bk 26 pg. 37
1774	Anson	July of 1774- George Sanders, Aaron Sanders as well as Moses sanders are ordered to help construct a road from Beaver Dam Creek to Rocky Creek. Beaverdam Creek is about 5 Miles west of Salisbury. In Rowan County Also there is a Beaver Dam Creek and a Rocky fork Creek in Richmond County (formed from Anson in 1779) about 10 mile east of Wadesboro. All per Jim Sanders.
1775	Anson	Aaron Sanders sold to Edward Moore on April 3rd, 1775 land on the Yadkin River. Book K Page 318.
1775	Anson	1773 and 1775- Aaron Sanders receives several hundred acres thru several Grants on or near the Yadkin River. His letters of administration of estate for the deceased are recorded 11/12/1782 in Anson County pg.142 Sept. Term. 1782 book a folio 19. This is listed in Montgomery County. Per Eldon Hurst.
1775	Anson	Moses receives land 3/11/1775....640 acres on Old Mill Creek SouthWest of the Pee Dee book 25page 297.
1777	Anson	Moses Sanders sold to James Cotton on June 2nd, 1777 land on Old Mill Creek. Book D/E page 347.
1777	Anson	Anson County North Carolina Abstracts of Early Records/ By McBee, pp. 133-134, /Aaron Sanders (Moses'

		brother) signed/ as No. 62 and Francis Sanders (another brother) signed as No. 64 on "Petition of inhabitants of Anson County: /1777/ Because of PeeDee River dividing the county, it is very inconvenient to many of the inhabitants, they ask for a division of the county with the river as the dividing line...If you in your Wisdom should judge the division unnecessary then we pray that commission of disinterested persons be appointed to fix Court House in or near the center of the county, as conveniently as it may be. It is now stands in ten or twelve miles of South Carolina and is extremely inconvenient."
1778	Anson	March 20th 1778. Jos. Thompson Jr. Enters 100 acres on the middle fork of Lick Creek, the waters of Jones Creek. Joining Mathew Baileys and F Saunders Line. (Per Jim Sanders)
1778	Anson	November 12th 1778. George Kirk enters his land and references " Dunkins Creek", below Sanders Line, running towards the county line and joining Sanders and Steeds line. Moses Sanders And Nathaniel Steed are known to have been neighbors, having both been awarded land grants in 1771 from the Governor of North Carolina. (from Jim Sanders)
1779	Anson	Jan 8th 1779. Nathaniel Steed enters his 200 acres near the fork of the "Duncombs" River where McCulloughs , Moses Saunders and James Cotton's line meet".
1779	Montgomery N.C.	Moses appears on the 1779 Montgomery County tax list (Montgomery was formed from Anson, 1779)
1779	Montgomery	1779- Edward Young Entered 600Acres of land in Montgomery County on the N.E. side of the Yadkin River and on both sides of Barnes Creek. He referenced the point of beginning as "near the foot of a small mountain opposite William Hamilton's patent land. William Hamilton's Patent was listed as "on the NE side of Yadkin on the waters of Barnes Creek". The Grant Number was #993 surveyed by James Cotton in 1772. It was issued in 1774. The chain bearers were Moses Sanders and John Morris. We believe that William Hamilton was Moses Sanders Brother-Law. Reference here to Eldon Hurst. (from Jim Sanders)
1779	Montgomery	1779- Rueben Sanders, as Entry #184, listed 100 Acres of land in Montgomery County. No watercourse is

		mentioned. In his Entry he referenced George Sanders and Nathaniel Steed as neighbors. Nathaniel Steed had 200 acres on Duncombs Creek (but he also had 200 acres on the Gut Branch of the Uharrie) next to Moses Sanders. George is also referenced in Entry 21 as having property adjacent to John Smith. John Smith was a witness to Benjamin Sanders Deed to Steven Miller in 1785 [1795?], for 200 acres on the east side of Williams Creek. We can assume that George and Rueben are related. Can't find a connection to our line. April 2004. Francis Steed was a bondman for the marriage of Francis Sanders and Rachel Sanders in 1801. This Francis is probably Moses' nephew.
1779	Montgomery	John Sanders and Daniel Sanders are on tax list
1779	Montgomery	George and Reuben Sanders on tax list
1780	Montgomery	"Edward Young references that Daniel Sanders had an "improvement" on Barnes Creek, Montgomery County, NC. March 6th, 1780. Entry #289. Edward Young also referenced Moses Sanders as an adjoining property owner in Entry #290, March 6th, 1780. Entry #289. Edward Young also referenced Moses Sanders as an adjoining property owner in Entry #290, March 6th, 1780. This is interesting. First mention of Daniel Sanders and in close proximity to Moses and Aarons properties. (Jim Sanders)
1780	Montgomery	From Jim Sanders: "On May 4th, 1780 Jack Mclendon and James McDaniel Entered # 348 for 200 Acres of land on Both sides of "Dunkoins" Creek. In this entry they referenced '.the path that leads from George Kirks to Moses Sanders Mill'. This Mill is probably on the 200 Acre property that Moses Received in Anson County in 1771. Surveyed in 1772. Grant # 690. Recorded 1774. In the Grant it was referenced as Dumas Creek and on the James Cotton survey it is called Duncams Creek of Huwarry. Reference here to Eldon Hurst.. We know that Barnes Creek flows in to the Uwharry. Duncombe Creek flows into the Uwarry about 1.5 miles north of Barnes."
1781	Montgomery	Moses is living in Montgomery in October 1781; then moves to Wilkes county "some short time afterwards." Appears on 1782 Wilkes County tax list.
1782	Montgomery	Estate papers of Aaron Sanders registered (brother of

		<p>Moses). Montgomery Co., NC Records Letters of Admr on estate of Aaron Sanders, deceased. Granted William Miller, Sec(?) Mark Allen, Esq. & John Hopkins, for 100 pounds Recorded 12 Nov 1782 Book A, Folio 19 - George Davidson, Clerk SS 884 Dept of Archives & History, Raleigh, NC Leg. papers House of Commons Nov 3-15, 1788 L.P. 80 Leg. papers L.P 46</p>
1782	Montgomery	Isaac (brother of Moses) Sanders, James Sanders, and George Sanders appear on tax list.
1782	Wilkes, N.C.	Moses Sanders appears on 1782 tax list
1783	Montgomery	1783 Oct. 1st Elias Butler entered 200 acres in Montgomery County "on the waters of Barnes Creek beginning near the "Widow Sanders" Line on the South side of Barnes Creek". This is of interest as we know that Aaron Sanders died in 1782. We also know that his estate papers were registered in Montgomery County. The Widow Sanders mentioned in the 1783 Entry was Joan Bailey, wife of Aaron.
1783	Wilkes	1783 November 17, Francis Sanders is granted 100 acres on "ye Bear Branch, the waters of Hunting Creek". Wilkes County. It was surveyed April of 1785 and recorded September 1785. On the Wilkes County Tax List of 1782 Francis Sanders is listed in Alexander Gordons District, same as Moses, with 2 Mules and 3 Cattle. In the 1787 tax rolls, Captain Gordons District, He is shown as Francis Sandris with 2 males under 21 and a 3 females indicating he at this time he possibly had 2 sons and 1 daughter. In the 1790 Census Wilkes Captain Morgan's district He is shown with 2 more males and the same number of daughters. We assume that he was living on the Bear Branch Grant at this time as he sold this property in 1792 to Benjamin Crabtree. Crabtree was a neighbor 1787-1790. Also Crabtree bought a few other parcels in the 1780s. This is probably the same Francis Sanders who appears in the minutes of the Groves Level Church in Georgia.
1784	Montgomery	1784-Frances Jordan enters 100 acres ..."Beginning at Aron Sanders Old Line and running down Barnes Creek for Compliment". Aaron Sanders was issued a land Grant May 24 1773 on the "Reedy Fork on Barnes Creek" It was surveyed by James Cotton June 27th 1772. Reference here to Eldon Hurst.
1786	Rowan, N.C.	In 1786-1788 Moses is mentioned in Rowan County

		deeds. Also appointed overseer of a road to the Wilkes Line.
1787	Franklin, Georgia	Moses helps organize Nails Creek Baptist Church February 11, 1787.
1788	Rowan, N.C.	In 1788-1791 Moses was a justice of the peace in Rowan.
1789	Rowan	<p>Moses Sanders filed suit in Rowan County equity court on January 18, 1789 seeking redress of a grievance and restitution of property. He stated that he was arrested by a constable upon the instigation of George Kirk who claimed that Moses and other Tory sympathizers had taken property from Kirk.</p> <p>After Moses' arrest, he states that he was intimidated by a threat to his life to surrender two hundred acres of Montgomery County land to George Kirk on 3rd October 1781, with a mortgage of 42 pounds five shillings. George then sold the land and obtained a judgment against Moses for non-payment. Moses claimed in his petition that the agreement was obtained under duress. The land was located on Dumcombe creek.</p> <p>According to family tradition Moses served in the Revolutionary War on the American side. If he had several saber wounds from serving in the Revolutionary Army and his loyalty to independence was unquestioned, how could the planter George and the constable have been able to bring an incredible charge of being in league with the Tories?</p> <p>The traditional story is that he was a private in the Iredell County Regiment, North Carolina Militia. He is said to have received several bayonet scars from combat with the British in the battle of Kings Mountain. (However Iredell County was not formed until 1788, well after the Revolution).</p>
1790	Montgomery	1790- Entry # 627. Ben Randle enters 100 Acres of land "on Barnes Creek of Hwarry joining James Sanders West Line. With this info it is possible James Sanders is also related to our line. (A later DNA test confirms that he is indeed related)
1790	Laurens, S.C.	Moses Sanders (presumably Moses, Jr.) appears on the South Carolina census with 1 male over 16 and two females in the household. He is living next door to a

		James Bailey, William Bailey, and a William Bailey, Jr. James Bailey appears to be the older of the Baileys. (Are these Baileys related to the Joan Bailey who married William Aaron Saunders?)
1790	Iredell, N.C.	The 1790 Census of Iredell County, Salisbury District, lists Moses Sanders with 4 males under 16, 4 females (3 daughters), and 5 slaves. [Iredell was formed from 1788 from Rowan County-gs]
1790		State Records of North Carolina, volume XXI, p. 1053. "Whereas Charles Bruce, Esq., Commissioner of Confiscated property for Salisbury district, proceeded to sell six hundred and forty acres of land, the property of a certain Moses Sanders, in different lots situated in the county of Anson, to the following persons, to-wit: John Wright, Jun., William Morris, George Wells and William Wood, when at the same time the said Moses Sanders was a Justice of the Peace in the county of Rowan, whereby the said lands were illegally sold: Resolved, That Charles Bruce, Esq., Commissioner of Confiscated property for the district of Salisbury, be directed by the Comptroller not to bring suits against the said John Wright, Jun., William Morris, George Wells and William Wood, until after the rise of the next General Assembly."
1790	Wilkes	1790 Census of Wilkes lists Frances Sandris with 4 males under 16, (1774-1790) Silas, Peter, Frances,? 2 Females, Polly, Sally. (Believed to be Francis Sanders, brother of Moses)
1792	Montgomery	1792 Referenced in entry 833"100 Acres lying between the "county line" and Walter Hamiltons Line. Which county line? This is probably meant to be William Hamilton, not Walter.
1793	Laurens	Moses bought several properties in Laurens County, SC. One of the deeds indicated that he was from Pendleton County, South Carolina.
1798	Franklin	1798 Laurens County, SC, deed by which Moses sold property indicates that Moses then lived in Franklin County, GA. Deed refers to Moses' wife, Mary Sanders.
1799	Franklin	Per Jim Sanders: two early deeds to Moses for the same piece of property, 460 acres in 1799/1800, on the Groves creek
1801	Franklin	Moses served as a juror in Franklin County
1802	Franklin	May 1802 Members of Nails Creek Church which met at Grovel Level Meeting House & constituted a church included the following: Moses Sanders, Silas Sanders, David Sanders, Francis Sanders, Sally Sanders, Polly

		Sanders, Polly Sanders Sr. (Minutes of Groves Level Baptist Church from Jim Sanders)
1802	Franklin	September 1802 Line Baptist Church organized with Moses as minister
1804	Franklin	May 1804 Francis Sanders to cite bro Baugh & Hill to next mtg. June 1804 Francis Sanders chosen deacon. (Minutes of Groves Level Baptist Church from Jim Sanders)
1805	Franklin	Feb 1805, dismissed Sis Polly Allred by letter. Mar 1805 Censured Br Silas Sanders for fighting. Chose Bro Anderson Ivy & Francis Sanders to cite him to next mtg. Jun 1805 Chose Silas Sanders & Anderson Ivy to cite her to next mtg. (Minutes of Groves Level Baptist Church from Jim Sanders)
1806	Franklin	Sep 1806 Censured Bro Silas Sanders for encouraging gaming Richard Maulden to cite him. Oct 1806 Excluded Br. Silas Sanders for encouraging gaming and not hearing the church (Minutes of Groves Level Baptist Church from Jim Sanders)
1807	Franklin	Feb 1807 Appointed Bro Francis Sanders and David Sanders to cite bro Jones to next mtg. Sep 1807 Received by letter Sister Polly Sanders. Dismissed by letter Br Francis Sanders and Sis Polly Sanders. Bro David Sanders and Sis Polly Sanders. Francis Sanders moved to Smith County, Tennessee & David Sanders & wife Mary Allred moved to Bedford County, Tennessee. The letters were to introduce them to their new congregations. The 1820 census for Smith County, TN shows Francis Sanders with 1 male 16-18, 1 male 18-26, 1 male over 45 & 1 female over 45. Silas Sanders has 2 sons 0-10; 1 male 10-16; 1 Male 26-45; 1 female 10-16; 1 female 26-45. (From Jim Sanders and Elden Hurst)
1817	Franklin	February 28, 1817-date of Moses Sanders' will. He died March 29, 1817, according to church minutes.
1829	Franklin	Minutes of Grove Level Baptist church: Sister Polly Sanders departed this life April 19th 1829. This may be a reference to Mary Sanders, wife of Moses, as "Polly" was often used as a nickname for Mary at the time.