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## Grant Sanders, Colorado State Senator, Tells "My Life" Story

*This story was submitted by Glenn D. Sanders of Larkspur, CO. Ulysses S. Grant Sanders, born Dec. 31, 1864 near Middletown, IN, was Glenn's grandfather. Grant Sanders was a conductor on the D&RG for 50 years and served as a Colorado State Senator. He died before Glenn was born, but Grant Sanders left this story that he titled "My Life." Most any family history buff would love to have such a story with which to start their research.*

I was born near Middletown in Henry County, Indiana on a farm five miles east of that place. The house was located on what was known as the "Range Line Pike". There was a small orchard between the house and this pike or road. The road from Middletown ran by our house and joined this range line pike just a short distance from our house. The barn was just across this road from our house.

The date of my birth was December the 31st, 1864, and I am told that it was on Saturday. I have never looked this matter up. My father, George W. Sanders, Sr. was away from home at that time in the Army. He had enlisted as a Union soldier in the 25th Indiana battery under a German Captain Sturm, and was with the Division of the Union Army under General George Thomas, affectionately known as "Pap" Thomas. My father was going on 20 years old. He was born on the old Sanders homestead about a day's ride from our home, on Bell Creek. - on January 6, 1842.

His mother was Francis Virginia Rodecap - daughter of Martin and Susan Sanger Rodecap. She was born near Augusta Mills in Rockingham County, Virginia, November the 10th 1841 and came with her parents to Indiana in the early fifties and settled on a farm in Delaware County only a few miles from where my father's family were living, just across the line between Henry



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and Delaware counties. My mother's father Martin L Rodecap, was a Dunkard preacher and the family were members of that sect except my mother. And a number of her brothers were not. There was a large family of them. I think there were 12 or 13 children. There was about the same number of children in my father's family.

My grandfather Sanders was named Anthony Wayne Sanders. My grandmother Sanders was Lovicy Acres. She was born in Virginia and he was born in North Carolina, a descendant of Francis Marion of revolutionary fame. I have heard by Aunt Rhoda Sanders Painter tell how their house was located on one side of the road in North Carolina and the barns and sheds across the road in Virginia.

There is a place in North Carolina called Sanders Court House and during the revolutionary war a battle was fought near

## Morgan Gurley Sanders' Bible

*Entries in Morgan Gurley Sanders' Bible submitted by Justin Sanders, 1801 Jason Dr, #206, Denton, TX 76205.*

Levi Lindsey Sanders was born in Jackson Co. Ala. Feb. 21, 1837 and died at Ben Wheeler, Van Zandt Co., Tex., Jan 4, 1917. His father, Benjamin Sanders was Irish and English and was born in Randolph Co, N.C.

Sarah Francis (Smith) Sanders was born in Troupe Co., Ga. Oct 12, 1838 and died Sunday June 15, 1919 at 5 a.m. Her father Nicholas Smith, was full blood German. Her mother Francis Cale Rogers was Irish and Welsh.

Morgan Gurley Sanders was born July 14, 1878 and died Jan. 7, 1956. His parents were L.L. and S.F. Sanders. He married Jessie Irene Cox September 30, 1896; Noma Sill, Feb 19, 1905; Florence Martin Wren Jan 10, 1942.

Jessie Irene Cox was born May 24, 1880 and died Sunday 11:30 o'clock, Sept 25, 1898.

Noma Sill Sanders died at 9:32 am. Sat. Dec. 3, 1932 in Temple, Tex.

Gurley Holcott Sanders was born Nov. 8, 1897.

there known as the battle of Sanders Creek.

Grandfather Sanders came with his family to Clark County Ohio in the late twenties. Several years later removing to Henry County, Indiana on Bell Creek about 4 miles east of Middletown where he took up a large tract of land which was cheap then. The (continued on page 3)

## Welcome to Siftings of the Sanders

Welcome to a new newsletter for Sanders/Saunders surnames.

We hope to make this newsletter especially helpful at a time when the networking of all kinds of



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genealogists and the exchange of many levels of family history research are taking on new dimensions with computer database files, e-mail

on the Internet, and other avenues on the electronic highway. This newsletter grew out of a Sanders "network" of mine that is partly on the Internet and partly on regular mail (called "snail mail" by e-mail users). This network will form the nucleus of initial material for the newsletter.

You shouldn't be frightened at the mention of computers. All family historians do not have computers and many have no intention to start using one. And, all computer owners may not be inclined to purchase a modem and connect to the Internet. We hope to link *all kinds* of Sanders/Saunders family researchers so that they can share what they have learned and in turn find new information.

One of the greatest things about genealogy is the new people you meet through letters, e-mail, library visits, and genealogy meetings. New friends can be your best sources of genealogy material.

This newsletter is another way to widen your horizons and meet more new friends.

## Levi Lindsey Sanders, son of Benjamin Sanders, moved from Alabama to Texas

Francis W. Johnson, *History of Texas and Texans*, v4, p1746, biog of D. Leon Sanders (son of Levi). Submitted by Justin Sanders, 1801 Jason Dr, #206, Denton, TX 76205.

"... Dr. [D. Leon] Sanders is the son of Levi L. Sanders, a retired merchant and farmer of Ben Wheeler, himself the son of Benjamin Sanders, a blacksmith of Jackson county, Alabama. The latter was killed by the Federals during the war of the sixties. He was born in North Carolina, and was the son of an Irishman of that state, who died in Alabama when he was more than one hundred years of age. He [Benjamin Jr.] had two sons and six daughters, and one of his sons was Levi L., the father of Dr. Sanders of this review.

"Levi L. Sanders was born in Jackson county, Alabama in 1837, and he learned something of blacksmithing from his father while in his youth. He became dissatisfied with his home while yet a mere boy and ran away, thinking to better his conditions and for a time he was employed on a Mississippi River Steamboat. When he reached Texas in 1848 [sic], he found a home with Rev. Nels King, of Rowlett, Dallas county, and he stayed there until he took unto himself a wife, Miss Susan Collins, who was a daughter of William and Minerva Collins."

Canton, Texas, *Herald*, 12 Jan. 1917

"Mr. L.L. Sanders, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Van Zandt County, died at his late home at Ben Wheeler Thursday, Jan. 4, at 3:30 p.m." [small portion deleted]

"Levi Lindsey Sanders was born in Jackson county, Ala., Feb. 21, 1837, his age being 79 years, 10 months and 17 days. He was a son of Buck Ben Sanders, a gunsmith, and came of Irish Catholic ancestry, his people settling in North Carolina. Uncle Levi's paternal grandfather, Ben Saunders, as the name was originally spelled, was converted

from the Catholic faith at a camp meeting in Jackson county, Ala., at the age of 96 years, dying two years later. Uncle Levi was one of nine children and left home at the age of 16, working on a steamboat on the Mississippi for some time. Later he settled in Arkansas, following his trade of blacksmith. He came to Texas in 1857 and married Miss Susan Collins in 1858, the marriage occurring in Dallas when that city was a mere village."

## John Thomas Sanders of Georgia & Mississippi

From Frances S. Dykes, Rt. 3, Box 22, Ellisville, MS 39437.

"I have searched for this family for 20 years"

(possibly Robert) SANDERS m Sarah PHILLIPS 12-26-1826 Morgan Co, GA. My g-g grandmother was in Newton Co MS in 1850. Sarah SANDERS b GA age 50 widow

Joseph B. b GA 1830

John Thomas b GA 1835<mine Jane b AL 1836

Jessie R. b AL 1839

Jefferson Harris b AL 1845

There may have been other children. They were in Jasper Co MS 1860 when children were married. Joseph, Jessie, Jefferson, & their bro-in-law served in C.S.A. My g grandfather died 1879 Jones Co MS. His youngest brother Jefferson moved to Van Zant Co TX 1871 where he was paid pension. Some of his brothers may have moved with him to Texas. Jefferson d 1923 & buried at Canton Meth. Church Cemt.

From newspaper obit:

Jefferson & wife Sarah Ann Jones SANDERS were survived by sons Cluade, J. Lee, & dau. Emma TODD, 13 grandchildren, 18 g-grandchildren. From pension record Jefferson was born in Tallapoosa Co AL.

## Can you help with this Elihu Sanders family?

From Nancy L. Lewis, 357 Irene, Deer Park, TX 77536-2646 Elihu SANDERS b ca 1787 NC d <1865

1810 c. White Co TN with Reuben P., George W., Elijah B. (thought to be his brothers)

moved to Lowndes Co MS 1830 c/1840c

then to Hot Spring Co Ark 1850c

not on 1860 census in Ark Elihu had 2 marriages:

(1) m ??, had 7 children as follows Elihu Jr. b 1814/15 TN

Catherine b 1816 TN

m Charles C. KEETON 17

Aug 1833 Lowndes Co MS

George B. b 1818 TN d Civil War Jackson b 1820 TN

Daniel H. b 1823/26 MS d ca

1880; m Elizabeth

COFFMAN 23 Dec 1852

Hot Spring Co Ark

Jamerson b 1827 MS m Iva

Lucindy Jane b 1833 MS

d 21 Mar 1900 Silver,

Montgomery Co Ark

m Sterling Jesse COFFMAN

Sr. 14 Jan 1815 Hot Spring Co Ark

Nancy's line is Lucindy Jane and Sterling COFFMAN.

(2) Margaret Ann \_\_\_ full blooded Indian m ca 1833-39 (Elihu was 55/Margaret about 15) (8 more children for Elihu!)

Henry Clay b 1839 d 1925

Little Rock Ark, m Elizabeth Simpson

William Hamilton b 16 Dec

1841 Marcus Ark d >1910

m Mary MARS/MYERS

Jesse Edward b 16 Dec 1841?

Saline Co Ark d 4 Jan 1912

Marcus Ark m Nancy

Elizabeth PERRY

M. Elizabeth b 16 Dec 1843?

Hot Springs Ark d Jul 1908,

m John D. LOOKADOO

James A. b 1845 Hot Springs

Ark d Civil War

Levi Mathew b 1847 Hot

Springs Ark d 12 Jul 1926

HSA, m Charlotte C.

SPENCER

Thomas F b May 1849 HSA, d

7 Apr 1923 Ark

Ann/Andrew M. b 1853 HSA.

No one is sure about this

child.

## An old query looks for Philip Sanders

This came to us as it was gleaned from the Pauline Gaudrud volumes in the Jefferson Co., AL library. It is attributed to the *Dropped Stitches* column of the MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL, date not given:

QUERY: Would like genealogical information relative to Philip Sanders, native of England, who came to the colony of Virginia in 1730. His wife was named Sapphira Sanders and she was a "High Churchman" (an Episcopalian). Our immediate ancestor, his son William Sanders, was born at Beaufort, Carteret County, North Carolina and his father came there from Virginia. William Sanders was a Revolutionary soldier, serving under General Lincoln. He afterward lived in Christian County, Kentucky near Fort Donelson and later removed to Jefferson County, Alabama, where he died March 1853. I particularly wish to obtain the record of the children of the original immigrant, Philip Sanders and his wife, Sapphira, where they settled in Virginia, names of the children, etc. H.B.S., Aberdeen, Miss.

ANSWER: We find record of more than one Phillip Sanders in Virginia early records, but none of a wife Sapphira. Torrance's *Administration of Virginia Wills* records one Phillip Sanders with will in Westmoreland County, Virginia dated 1723. Fothergill's wills of that county gives the following information: Will of Phillip Sanders . . . December 9, 1722, was probated April 6, 1723. He gave to son William, for use of land to daughter Urslee Taylor, grandson John, son of William Sanders, the "plantation where I now live" land to Phillip Sanders, grandson, pewter to granddaughter Mary Sanders, mentions gift to wife Elizabeth. In the same county, William Sanders left will dated March 31, 1726, proved June 29, 1726, mentioning sons John, Phillip, William and James; daughters Mary, Ursula, Elizabeth and Sarah; wife Elizabeth.

## Grant Sanders Story

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country was one vast wilderness. Many Indians were still there and many wild animals. Few were the roads. The railroads in that part of the country and the wagon roads were cut through heavily timbered country, which in rainy weather were nearly impassable. Miles and miles were over corduroy. These old pioneers were surely stout hearted people and of indomitable courage. The nation can never repay these pioneers for what they did in redeeming that country from a wilderness to civilization.

My grandfather Sanders was a strict abolitionist. And from my information I gathered that his relatives back in Virginia and North Carolina were nearly all at least recessionists. After the issues that concerned the Civil War came on, they divided very sharply and bitterly on those lines and in time ceased all intercourse entirely. I never knew nor learned much about them. My parents were married in 1860 - they were both about 18 years old. My father moved at once to his farm of 250 acres.

The next year the Civil War broke out. The issues were bitter and near our home was a settlement of Southern sympathizers. Clashes were frequent; Unionists found stones and cast iron in their sheaves of wheat which wrecked the threshing machines. Stock was poisoned. Hay and wheat stacks were burned. Finally our house was set on fire and burned to the ground. After rebuilding, my father enlisted and served to the close of the war. Of course the Union Army Generals were the heroes so I was named for General Grant.

Two sisters were older than me, Norah was the oldest. Then Lorretta who died in infancy of whooping cough. Then I was born next. My brother George W. Junior in 1866 - sister Vicy was born in 1868. Sister Lillie Odell in 1871. Brother William in 1872 - sister Lulu in 1874 - sister Zoa in 1876 - all in Indiana and brother Kenneth was born in

1882 in Kansas. I was the eldest boy. There were 6 girls and 5 boys in our family - four boys survive and two girls at this time - 1940. We are all widely separated. Vicy, who married John Painter still resides in Middletown. Her husband died a number of years ago. Norah Griffis, who married Charles Griffis, resides in Kalispel, Montana where her son Dr. Lawrence G. Griffis resides. Kenneth resides in Oakland, California and George W. Sanders Jr. lives near Larned Kansas. I am here in Colorado, having come out here from Jetmore, Kansas in April 1890. Fifty years ago! And yet at times it seems so recent.

Sometimes the years roll by in memory and I see events and friends enact their roles like a vast panorama moving along before me. I think the eventful scenes affecting my life so fatefully began one evening when my father and mother were seated in the dining room of the Tykle House where we were then living in Middletown in the winter of 1878. Business conditions had been bad for several years. My father was in the hardware business having the only hardware store in the town. He wanted to sell out and get away.

How I hated that store. I was then about 12 years old and was just at the age when I could be of some service around the store in doing errands and assisting in different ways to do the work. But there was another angle to that. A boys angle which seemed to me of greatest importance. Through all the summer vacation when other boys were enjoying the out of doors, fishing, swimming, and roaming in the woods, I was cooped up in that store. I surely did hate it. In the school months I recall that I always enjoyed going to school. I always did well at school. I was far ahead of most boys of my age in my classes.

Well on the evening mentioned above, when my father and mother were talking over their affairs in the old dining room in the Tykle house I had gone to bed in our room at the head of the stairs leading up from

## Know more about Grant Sanders?

Glenn Sanders has been able to verify many of the facts in his grandfather's story. He lacks proof on some items. There is apparently no place in N.C., now or in the past, named Sanders Court House. What Glenn is specifically looking for is Anthony Sanders' birthplace (Oct. 14 or 15, 1795/6) and names of parents or siblings. *If you have information, contact Glenn D. Sanders, 7255 South Kiowa, Larkspur, CO 80118.*

the dining room. George and I always roomed together. He was soon sound asleep and doubtless I would also soon have been. But the stairway door was open and I heard my father say he wanted to sell out and move to Kansas. He had a strong resonant voice and they were soon in earnest discussion of the subject. I was intensely interested and took in every word of it.

Father described in glowing terms the country away out west. The great level prairies. The buffalo and the antelope and prairie chickens and most important of all to him was the fact that he could go out there and get 160 acres of beautiful rich land as a soldiers homestead and it was free. All that the Government required was to live on it and improve it by cultivating it five years.

And a soldier such as he had been could have the number of years he had served in the Army deducted from the five years as shown by his soldiers discharge and receive his deed for the land at that time instead of waiting the full five years. And in addition a person could take 160 acres as timber claim. That is they would be required to cultivate 40 acres of the land and plant it in (?) or tree seed. And when the trees were in good growth before ten years had expired and cultivation had been continuous the Government would on proof by competent witnesses issue him a deed for

the land. This was a most attractive proposition to many of those old veterans of the Civil War. Three hundred and twenty acres of good rich land which was claimed to yield fine crops of wheat and corn and hay and every other crop adapted to the climate.

At that time the railroads of the west were advertising the whole west in glowing terms. These railroads had been given lands by the government to aid them in building. They were granted every odd numbered section of land for a distance of 20 miles on each side of their railroad. This constituted a tremendous acreage of land. A section was one mile square or 640 acres. It was claimed that his land would yield from twenty to fifty bushels of wheat to the acre. Much of it did too.

So a vast number of people emigrated to Kansas, thousands of them, during the period from 1872 to 1880. They moved in by train loads, by wagon and other means. The most of them were doomed to disappointment. But the glowing accounts of the country and its rich natural resources lured many thousands of people to move into that country. I was most enthusiastic to go to Kansas. I would escape the prison like store. I pictured the vast prairies, the buffalo, and the antelope and the Indian ponies. It sounded like a paradise to me.

My father left for Kansas along about in February, 1878 to go and look at the country. He went to (Kinsley?) Kansas and from there he looked over the whole surrounding county. He selected a half section of land in Hodgeman County, Kansas. The south west quarter of section 4.T24R23 west as a soldiers homestead and the adjoining quarter on the north. The NW 1/4 of sec 4.T.24.R23 was a timber claim..." [Section describing a prophetic dream concerning the drought in Kansas at that time, mentions "Uncles Jim and John Sanders were twin brothers of our father and older". After 12 years, George W. Sanders gave up and returned to Indiana "heartbroken and discouraged"]

## Looking for parents of Aaron Sanders

Donald A. Keefer (2107 West Glenville Road, RD 3, Amsterdam, NY 12010) is looking for the parents of Aaron Sanders (Saunders) prob. b. New England ca. 1762, d. town of Charlton, Saratoga Co., NY, 1813; m. Phebe Birdseye, b. ca. 1768, d. 1813. Children: Eliphalet, b. --, m. Tammy ---; Sherman, b. ca. 1794, m. Margaret Cook; Hulda, b. ca. 1796, unm.; Everett Birdseye, b. 1801, m. Lucy Lockwood.

## Samuel B. Sanders

From Gary and Jacquelyn Romberg, 1898 Fort Road, Sheridan WY 82801-8320. We are searching for the parents of Samuel Blake Sanders, born 11 Mar 1822 near Petersburg, Lincoln Co., TN according to his Mexican War file. The town Petersburg is also in Marshall Co., TN, i.e. on the border between the two counties. Samuel married Melinda Pierce/Pearce 12 Jul 1849 in Lawrence Co., AR.

## Ann Marie Saunders

From Woodson Campbell, E. 4257 26th Ave, Spokane, WA 99223. Peter STORM, a native of Kentucky, married about 1803 Ann Maria SAUNDERS, a native of Maryland and the descendant of an old family. Their daughter, Nancy (STORM) EARP, died in Monmouth, Illinois in 1851. The STORM and SAUNDERS family is known to have lived in Nelson, Grayson, and Ohio Counties in Kentucky. I wish to exchange information with anyone having knowledge of these families.

## A German Connection?

From Dawn Detring, 1241 Broadridge, Jackson MO 63755. I descend from John Christian Sander b. 26 Oct 1798 d 13 Mar 1870 in Cape Girardeau Co., MO. They were from Klein Rhuden in Germany and immigrated in the 1850s. Intermarried with the Macke, Behrens, Bierschwals . . .

## We need your help to make this exchange of Sanders data work

Here is a little information about how we hope to make this newsletter the assistance that you and other readers need and want for your Sanders research.

First—we want to be responsive to your comments and suggestions. This is the first issue and nothing is set in concrete. Is the type too small? Does it have the kind of content you want? Let me hear from you.

Second—material is needed from all of you. We need queries, of course, but we must have more than queries to keep a variety of content in issue after issue. This issue will give you some idea of what can be done. Do you have interesting letters, stories told by your ancestors, old obituaries—things that can help other people, but still be valuable as human interest? We can use photos,

good photographs. Your pictures will be returned unharmed. We reserve the right to tell you your picture will not reproduce well, and we may not use it. Actual photographic prints will work better than xerox copies.

All queries received for this edition were not used. They should be in the July issue.

Starting with the July issue, SANDERS Siftings will mailed only to paid subscribers. This inaugural issue is being sent free to everyone requesting a copy, and to many others who have indicated some kind of interest in Sanders family research.

This issue has only four pages. Future issues are planned to have eight pages and— more photographs.

So, we need your help. Send in material. Offer constructive criticism. Write about your successes.

## Missing Persons . . .

Margie Cutshall, P. O. Box 53534, Albuquerque, NM 87153 is looking for half-brother, Emory James Saunders, b. 3 Sept 1933, probably in Missoula, Mont. Father: Elwood Edwin Cutshall, b. 13 Jun 1912, Duquesne, PA. Mother: Rosemary Minnehan, b. Missoula, Mont. Parents divorced 11 Jul 1938 in Spokane, Wash. Emory was to have been adopted by man (second husband) Sanders or Saunders.

Don Schaefer, editor of this newsletter, is looking for Mary Lou Lamb, last known address Benton, Ark. She is researching Francis Sanders and others who are in his line of Sanders from Jackson Co, Ala. and Randolph Co, N.C. He has some family history that she compiled and sent to a fellow researcher. He needs to find her to check out some conflicting information.

## Joshua Sanders; Brefina Sanders

From Donovan Yingst, 12014 Ginger Creek Dr., Boise, ID 83713-3659.

I need the parents of Joshua and Peggy Sanders, born in PA. They show up in the 1810 Census in Mason Co., KY and moved to Crawford Co., MO sometime prior to 1820. Mary Sanders, my ggg-grandmother, born 26 Feb. 1793 in KY and died. 31 Mar. 1873, Crawford Co., MO married Lovel Thompson ca. 1810 in KY. His father was Robert Thompson. In another family line, I need the parents of Brefina Sanders, born 1789 in NC and married Booker Goad ca. 1822. He was born in Montgomery Co., VA and died 21 June 1885 in Grandby, Newton Co., MO.

Don't take anyone else's research for granted .

## Sanders from Perquimans Co., N.C.

Ann L. Faulkner, 37933 Townhall, Harrison Twp., MI 48045-5518. I descend from Richard Sanders (1755-1836 Orange Co IN), son of John Sanders (1731-?) and Miriam Symons (1728-1781 Perquimans Co NC), son of Richard Sanders (d 1770 Perquimans) and Hannah Nicholson. Richard was supposedly a brother to Abraham Sanders who d 1751 Perquimans Co, but I do not have any information concerning their parentage. Interested in descendants of Richard.

## Sanders/Swett

David G. White, 2413 Eye St., N.W., Washington, DC 20037 Seeking sources of information about the Sanders ancestors of Sarah Sanders who married John Swett, Jr., 3 Nov 1724 in Haverhill, MA. Was she the daughter Sarah (born in Haverhill 16 June 1699) of John and Mary (Sargent) Sanders? John Sanders' father was James Sanders (1643?-1721) of Haverhill; is anything known about James' parents?

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