

# SANDERS *Siftings*

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## Samuel Saunders, Scottish Immigrant, Is Ancestor of Many Kentucky Pioneers

From Barry Downs, 1243 McGrew Church Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754.

According to family tradition Samuel Saunders migrated from Scotland to America in the early 1700s and settled in the English colony of North Carolina. Later Saunders journeyed northward and located in Pennsylvania. Around 1734 this Scottish immigrant became the father of a son, also named Samuel.

Samuel Saunders II later became a military veteran, and according to tradition participated in both the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. After the French and Indian War Samuel Saunders II married Anna Gordon and moved to Virginia where most of his children were born. This large family included five sons and four daughters. They were Edward (1764), Mary (1766), Joseph (1767), Elizabeth (1768), Samuel III (1770), Nancy (?), Joshua (1775), John Swadden (1776), and Anna (1784).

Elizabeth married George E. Willett, Mary married Samuel Wilson, and Anna married William Lancaster.

In March of 1779 the Saunders family said farewell to their Virginia home, crossed the Cumberland Gap, and followed the Wilderness Road into the untamed frontier of Kentucky. Settling at Whitney's Station near Crab Orchard in Lincoln County, the pioneer Saunders family was among Kentucky's earliest arrivals.

In the fall of the same year the Saunders joined a migration of settlers who removed to the uninhabited Cumberland River area of Tennessee and experienced the hard winter of 1779-80.

The Saunders family settled at Mansker's Station near Goodlettsville, but Indian raids forced the family to return to Kentucky in the latter part of 1780 where they took refuge at Pitman's Station in present-day Green County

However, in March of 1781 Indian attacks forced the evacuation of all stations in Green County, and Samuel Saunders II fled north to Nelson County where he assisted Captain Samuel Pottenger with the erection of Pottenger's Station.

A few years later Saunders returned to Green County where he received a 400-acre land grant on Big Brush Creek. Here in this wilderness Samuel and Anna Saunders raised their large family and helped

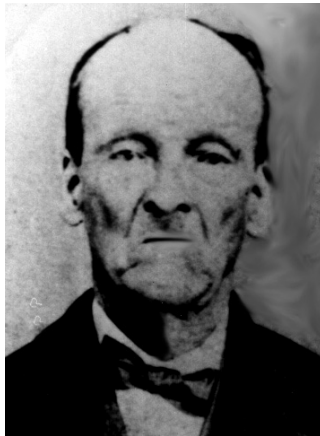
bring civilization to the Virginia frontier which soon became the state of Kentucky.

Late in the year 1807 the venerable and old pioneer Samuel Saunders II died in Green County. His widow, Anna, remained at the Brush Creek farm until about 1818, at which time she moved to Hart County to live with her daughter, Anna Lancaster.

Even before the death of their father, several of the sons of Samuel Saunders II had already departed Green County to settle near the Nolin River in the present-day counties of Grayson and Edmonson. Around 1804 John Swadden Saunders and wife, Patty, settled near the Longfall and Dog Creeks within the "Forks" of Edmonson County.

A year later Joshua Saunders and wife, Margaret, took up residence on the

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Samuel Saunders III

## Where Do You Want Sanders Siftings to Take You?

A surname newsletter can list a lot of queries, print xerox copies of pedigree charts (we won't), relate interesting stories of Sanders or Saunders who did noteworthy things, or any number of things to help with your genealogical research and make it more fun.

We can also list family history books that have been published, print photos of some of our Sanders ancestors, and tell of Sanders family reunions in many parts of the country. Maybe there are some additional things you would like to see happen that *Sanders Siftings* can help with.

Would you like to attend a BIG Sanders reunion somewhere in the central United States? Would you like to have access to a large Sanders database so that you could check out your missing ancestors? Would you like to go on an escorted tour of England and visit the ancestral homes of our Sanders and Saunders who came from there?

Much of this could be done using the subscribers of the newsletter and the large list of Sanders researchers I have (more than 300) to promote these new undertakings. Perhaps a Sanders Family Association is needed to take on these additional fringe benefits of associating with other researchers with common interests.

One thing I must say now—I do not want to take on more work than the editing, publishing, and mailing of this newsletter, but I am willing to work with others who can make these new benefits possible.

Let me hear what you think. ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

## Do You Know This Ezekiel Sanders?

Jimmie B. Sanders, 6356 Misty Wood Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, [J CXN69A@prodigy.com] found this Tuscaloosa County, Alabama will. Does it belong to one of your ancestors?

In the name of God Amen

I Ezekiel Sanders of the County of Tuskaloosa (sic) and State of Alabama being weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory do hereby make ordain constitute and appoint this my last will and testament, [??],

I Recommends my soul to God who gave it me. and my Body to be disposed of at the descretion of my Executors hereafter named. First I desire all my Just - debts paid then I give to my beloved wife Cotey Sanders my whole estate Enduring her life and at her decease I give to my daughter Mary Mayfield a negro girl named Hannah second I give my William Sanders negro Girl named Cloe, third, I give unto my daughter Elizabeth a negro Girl named Chainey, Fourthly I give unto my son Thomas Sanders two negroes named [?Sisity and E?ly?] Fifth I give to my son James Sanders a negro boy named Wesley. Six I give unto Nancy [?Gore?] a negro-boy named Thomas. Seventh I give unto my son John Sanders a negro man named Peter and Girl named Malinda, Eight I give unto my Daughter Elender a negro named Surana and my will and desire is that my negro woman Sealy is to be free for life and the balance of my Estate to be equally divided amongst my Children and two notes on Jonathan [?Bird?] and one on Samuel [Ch?ry?] to be divided at the pp 2 discrection of my Executors herein after named and I do hereby nominate constitute appoint and ordain my sons William Sanders and John Sanders as my true and lawful Executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 25th day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and twenty two in the 46th year of American Independence

Signed Sealed acknowledged in presence John Dodds

Ezekiel (His Mark) Sanders

Obadiah (His Mark) Mayfield

Proven in Open Court this 7th day of October 1822

Attest Henry T. Anthony ~????? ]

## Francis Marion Sanders Fought On Both Sides During Civil War; Murdered by Buskwhackers

From Ron Eagan, 510 County Road 2550 N, Mahomet, IL 61853-9716, [102012.2174@compuserve.com].

Little is known of Francis Marion Sanders' early years. Census records seem to indicate he was born to Moses and Goola (Gooley) Sanders in Jefferson County, Ill., about 1836. This correlates with his age of 28 stated at his time of death and with the 1850 census records in Green County, Ark. The same census lists Illinois as his state of birth. A younger brother and sister are shown on that census as being born in Arkansas, so the family may have moved to Arkansas by 1837-38. In the 1840 census in Arkansas, Moses Sanders is listed as head of household in Green County, Ark. By the 1860 census, they are shown to be living in Johnson County, Ark.

Francis Marion Sanders and Malinda Jane Jones were married Nov 12, 1857 in Johnson Co., Ark. He would have been about 21 years of age, she 16. They lived in Spadra Township, near Clarksville, Ark. Their oldest son, my great-grandfather, John Moses Sanders was born Nov 4, 1858. His brother, James W. Sanders, was born Nov 24, 1860.

When the Civil War started, as was the case in many states, the loyalty of Arkansas' citizens was divided. Francis' wife Melinda's narrative in a pension application in 1912 indicates this when she said, "he (Francis) was forced into the Confederate Service." This would imply that his loyalties were with the Union.

I believe that Francis Marion served in the Confederate Army, Company "B" 34th Arkansas Infantry, because a Francis Sanders, P. B. Sanders, and Thomas Sanders are all listed in this company with consecutive card numbers. P. B. (Peter B.) and Thomas are brothers of Francis. They were mustered in Aug 25, 1862, and served in the same locations through April 1863; however, P. B. is listed as killed in action at Prairie Grove, Ark., Dec 7, 1862.

On the muster rolls dated March and April, 1863, Francis is listed as "Absent," "Sick at Camp Price . . . & afterward went home." He enlisted in the Union Army in Sept 1863, so it is fair to say that he did not return to his Confederate unit. His brother Thomas

is listed as "Not stated" during the same period of time. The last day of Confederate service for both Francis and Thomas was Apr 30, 1863.

Francis Marion enlisted in Company "A" 2nd Regiment, Arkansas Infantry Sept 2, 1863, in Warren, Ark. The 2nd Regiment is one of two Union units in which Johnson County men served. He was promoted to corporal in Jan 1864 and to sergeant about Jul 1864. The November and December muster rolls stated "Killed in action Dec 31/64 Johnson Co, Arkansas." A muster roll dated Clarksville, Arkansas, August 8, 1865, states "Killed near Clarksville, Ark by guerillas Dec 31/64; final statements forwarded."

The death of her husband, Francis Marion Sanders, and subsequent events surely were traumatic for Melinda. It is told by family members that Melinda and her sons hid from the bushwhackers, witnessing the murder of their husband and father. Further, the bushwhackers stole all their food, "including the salt buried in the yard." Their youngest son, James W. Sanders, stated in a July 1912 pension application that he remembers his father being killed "in our own dooryard." James would have been just over four years of age. No burial site has yet been found for Francis Marion Sanders.

About three months later Melinda took her sons to Jefferson Co., Ill., to be "with her husband's people." *The History of Jefferson County, Illinois 1883* states, "John Sanders, listed as an early settler, arriving about 1819. He helped build the first courthouse." Is there a connection? ■

From Bonnie Humphrey, 19514 Saucier-Lizana Road, Saucier, MS 39574-9667, [ScotchLass@aol.com]. The only info we have so far is Sarah Matilda Saunders (b. 1856, d. 1945) m. John Elijah Alexander on 13 Sep 1877 in Franklin, Johnson Co., Ind. They had six children: Nellie G. (1879), Anna B. (1881), Clara Mabel (1883, d. 1972), Cecil (1885, d. 1945), Hazel (1890, d. 1904), and Henry D. (1894, d. 1897). Our line goes through Clara who m. William Ernest Humphrey (b 16 Apr 1882, d. 1969) in 1906. ■

## Samuel Saunders

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other side of Nolin in Grayson County.

About 1807 Joseph Saunders, a Baptist minister, and his wife Betty joined John Saunders in the "Forks." Around 1815 another brother, Samuel Saunders III, eventually joined John, Joseph, and Joshua in this Nolin River country. Samuel III and his wife, Nancy, settled along Brier Creek.

Rev. Joseph Saunders died around 1825, and his widow and family left the county a few years later. Joshua Saunders also departed from the area around 1832. However, John Swadden Saunders and his brother, Samuel III, remained in the "Forks" and made important contributions to the early development of Edmonson County.

Samuel Saunders III served the county as a magistrate, justice of the peace, and sheriff. Practically all Sanders in Edmonson and Grayson Counties today are descendants of the two pioneer brothers, Samuel and John Saunders. The variation of the spelling of the name probably occurred in the mid-1800s.

Descendants or those connecting to these Sanders/Saunders lines are asked to contact Barry W. Downs to share further information. ■

### Peter Sanders, Born ca 1782 in N.C.

From Dorothy Sanders Calton, 20039 Crabapple Road, Lebanon, MO 65536.

My story, as far as we have it begins with Peter Sanders born about 1781 in North Carolina. He married Marchel Tarbutton (born 1782, in N.C.) in about 1812, reportedly in Maury Co., Tenn. I found Peter Sanders in Lawrence Co., Tenn. Then, one record says he was in Obion Co., Tenn in 1830, next in Williamson Co., Ill., then on to Green Co., Ark. They were in Wright Co., Mo. by 1850.

They were the parents of five children. The oldest, John A., married Polly Minerva Robertson (Robinson) while they were in Gallitan, Ill., 5 Sep 1833. (I descend from these two.) The other children were Sally, Catherine, Peter Jr., and Margaret Jane. These all lived in Wright Co., Mo.

I have some probate papers (somewhere) that look like they might be the parents of Peter Sanders. ■

## Some Kentucky Saunders to Arkansas

Barry W. Downs, 1243 McGrew Church Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754.

A considerable number of Edmonson County, Ky. Saunders (or Sanders) migrated to Arkansas. The earliest Sanders to leave Edmonson County for Arkansas was named Joshua Saunders, born about 1775 in Virginia, the son of Samuel Saunders II and Anna Gordon. Joshua married Margaret Haycraft on 9 July 1805. Around the year of 1832, Joshua moved west, supposedly for Arkansas, and I have been unable to locate him or his descendants since that time.

Another Saunders who moved to Arkansas from Edmonson County was William Saunders, who was born in 1798 in Green Co., Ky. He was the son of Samuel Saunders III and Nancy Wilton. William's wife was named Mary. William moved to Washington and Madison Counties in Arkansas around the mid-1850s with his son, James Sanders. James was born around 1825 in Edmonson County, Ky. and married a lady named Lucinda. The children of James and Lucinda included Thomas, Harriet, James, William, Martha, Samuel, and Maggie. William and his son James were still living in Washington Co., Ark., according to the 1880 census. Another of William's sons, Samuel (1821-1903) also lived in the Washington County area for some time with his family. ■

### Another John Sanders Query

From G. B. Christopher, Route 2, Box 573, Waller, TX 77484.

My three times grandfather, John Sanders (born about 1825 in N.C.) married Nancy ???. She died in Nacogdoches Co, Tex., about 1870. Their children were:

John F, b. 1856, Tex.

Mary Louise, b. 1857, Tex., married J.W. Cason in 1877, Tex.

Fannie, b. 8 Dec 1865, Tex., died 1 Nov 1908, Nacogdoches, Tex..

Who was the older John Sanders' father? Did he die in the Civil War? ■

## Need Help With Sanders Cherokee Connections

From Georgia Cooper, 2996 Plaza Azul, Santa Fe, NM 87595-5338. Here are some facts about my late husband's family given me by Judith Olsen of Manitou Springs, CO.—We are descendants of the mixed blood Sanders clan. The information contained in the Starr book details to the fourth generation. Mitchell Sanders, an English teacher, married the Cherokee named Susannah. They had George, the oldest son, who married Jennie Pritchett. Their fourth child, James Sanders, married Dorcas Field. (This is my supposition: Many Indians dropped their Indian names and used "white" names for official documents. From the 1880 Hot Spring Co, Ark., census data I obtained, I found a James M. Sanders married to Elizabeth Sanders. Possibly, Keziah was changed to Elizabeth. I think Elizabeth was James' third wife.) James is originally from Georgia, was married to Elizabeth in Tenn. They must have emigrated to Arkansas shortly after Jennie's birth. Jennie is also called Abba, which in Cherokee denotes oldest child. Can't find Elizabeth on a Cherokee register. I think they stayed in Arkansas instead of emigrating to Oklahoma, where they would have been listed with the Eastern Band. They purchased land in Ark. several years before the Trail of Tears.

My daughters and their children are very interested in their Cherokee ancestors. Can anyone help me with this?

From Mercedes McRay, 900 Towne Green Blvd., Apt. 1115, Kennesaw, GA 30144, [JRQM66B@prodigy.com]. I am looking for the ancestors of my g-grandmother, Maggie Kennedy. She didn't have a last name until she wrote the government saying she was taking her first husband's last name. She had several husbands including \_\_\_\_ Battles, father of Del Battles and possibly my g-aunt Nell; \_\_\_\_ Dollar, father of Royce Earl Dollar; and then to Henrey (Henri) Eli Sanders. Henrey was the father of Henry (who married Wanda) and Mickey (my grandmother) who married Bill Riceman (my grandfather). Maggie's Dawes number is 4327, Miller - 16030. We believe that Henry, noted as Henrey Eli Sanders' son, is Henry T. Sanders, Dawes - 4325, Miller - 23563. Can anyone help or connect? ■

## Benjamin Sanders Had Fifty-seven Grandchildren

BENJAMIN VAN BUREN SANDERS was born in February of 1843 in Jackson County, Alabama, the son of John Sanders and his first wife, Charlotte Brannon.

John Sanders, born in 1822 in North Carolina, was the son of Francis Saunders and Rachel Sanders. Francis and Rachel were married 21 Aug. 1801 in Randolph County, N.C.

Both Benjamin Van Buren Sanders and his father John Sanders served in Ohio units of the Union Army during the Civil War and spent most of their service time near Chattanooga, not far from their home in northeastern Alabama.

After the Civil War, Benjamin V. B. Sanders married Nancy Jane Worthen (b. 17 Dec 1847) on 19 Jul 1866 in Jackson County, Ala. To their union was born eleven children—seven in Alabama and four in Missouri.

This was taken from Civil War pension application of Benjamin V. B. Sanders dated September, 1897, and gives a record of where he lived after the war, in his own words: "When able to work since my discharge my occupation has been that of farmer. From date of discharge (10 June 1865) to the year 1875 I lived in Jackson County, Alabama, post office address Larkinsville, Ala. From 1875 to year 1878 I lived in Madison County, Illinois, post office address Marine, Ill. From 1878 to fall of 1879 I lived in Jackson County, Alabama, post office address New Nashville, Ala. From the fall of 1879 to fall of 1890 I lived in Texas County, Missouri, post office address Big Creek, and Clear Springs, Mo. Since fall of 1890 I have lived in Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, post office address Wister, I. Ty."

Their eleven children were: Sarah Catherine (3 Apr 1867), Mary Frances (24 Dec 1868), William T. (Aug 1870), Sohle, Martha (1871), John Nathan (2 Jul 1875), Laura (1878), George (22 May 1882), Joseph Levi (1 Jun 1884), Lillie (29 May 1886), and Effie (Sep 1888).

The families of their children, as far as current research shows, indicates the 57



grandchildren of Benjamin Van Buren Sanders and Nancy Jane Worthen:

1. Sarah Catherine married William E. Whitford 6 Jun 1901 in Howe, Indian Territory. Children: Nellie Marcella (6 Dec 1901) Nancy Caroline (5 Apr 1903) Ora Catherine (1 Sep 1905) Rolly William (13 Jan 1908)
2. Mary Frances married James William Cagle 16 Nov 1884. Children: David Benjamin (31 Jan 1886) Lovie Jane (19 Jan 1888) Bessie Ann (21 Aug 1889) Bertha Mae (4 Jul 1891) Charlie William (17 Apr 1893) John McKinley (14 Jul 1898) Joseph Theodore (12 May 1903) Mary Esther (22 Dec 1908)
3. William T. married Lettie Mae Moore. Children: Cassie William Everett Benjamin (29 May 1896) Claude Elihue
4. Sohle died age 2 in home accident.
5. Martha married Bill Martin. Children: Bill Luther Three other children
6. John Nathan married Rosie Aldoria Barnes. Children: Earl William Audie Leonard (8 Feb 1912) Abraham Lincoln
7. Laura married first \_\_\_\_\_ Pollard. Children: Dollie and Bonnie (twins) Infant boy  
Laura married second \_\_\_\_\_ Pitchford. Children: Goldie Lorene Ola Grace
8. Joseph Levi married Dora Ozella Kendrix 15 May 1907. Children: Clara Esther (20 Jun 1909) Joseph Benjamin (5 Oct 1914) Mary Jane (26 Jul 1918) Warren G. (31 Aug 1920) Gladys Lorene (21 Jul 1923) Ora Mae (23 Oct 1925) Ola Mae (18 Jul 1929) Ruby (6 Feb 1932)

Twin girls (first time)  
Twin girls (second time)

9. George married Mae Morrison.

Children:  
Elmer (1911)  
Everette  
Ethel  
Bernice  
Frank  
Georgia  
Nadine  
G.B.

10. Lillie married Lum Pickle. Children: Raymond (16 Aug 1905) Marlin George (12 Jun 1908) Edna (3 Oct 1911)

11. Effie (Sep 1888) married William Maymess, died age 21, no children.

Nancy Jane (Worthen) Sanders died 10 Nov 1899 and is buried in the cemetery at Howe, Okla. Benjamin Sanders died 13 Mar 1916 and is buried in the Vaughn Cemetery at Monroe, Okla.

The mother of Don Schaefer, editor of *Sanders Siftings*, is one of these 57 grandchildren. She is the second child of Sarah Catherine Sanders who married W. E. Whitford. The picture of Benjamin Sanders at the above left was taken in about 1910 in Glenwood, Ark., in front of the Whitford Store.

Please contact Don at the addresses listed on pages one or eight if you have further information about the descendants of Benjamin Van Buren Sanders. ■

## Nicholas Bolivar Sanders

From Jeanne Harris Bruck, 5920 North Camino Escalante, Tucson, Ariz. 85718-4114. My grandmother was Carrie Della Sanders—her father was Nicholas Bolivar Sanders, b. Pekin, Tazwell Co., Ill. He married Anna Elizabeth Heller in Peoria, Ill. I may have found Nicholas father (or grandfather) John C. Sanders, age 65, and wife Carolyn J. age 59, along with James (16), Mathilda (14), Nicholas (11) and Theodore (24) in the 1860 in Timber (town?) Township, Peoria Co., Ill. U.S. Census. Everyone was born in Pennsylvania except Nicholas. John C. and Theodore were listed as "coopers." (Anna Elizabeth Heller's father - John Heller was a blacksmith also born in Pennsylvania.) Other information I have lists Nicholas as having been born in 1853. He died in Oklahoma in 1893. Does this fit in anyone's files? ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Betty Sanders Brock, 7675 Old Hickory Hammock Rd., Milton, FL 32583, [Kcord1@aol.com] is looking for the ancestor of Allen Jefferson Sanders, (b.9 Mar 1842, Ala., d. 24 Jul 1917, Fla.). He married Artha Cornelia McClellan (b. 15 Apr 1846, Fla., d. 8 Jul 1919, Fla.). Children she knows about:

Henry J. (b. 14 Mar 1875, Ala., d. 25 Jan 1967, Fla.) married Margie Smith (b. 18 Apr 1874, Ala., d. 10 Sep 1949, Fla.). Children of Henry and Margie:

Cornelia (b. 5 Feb. 1908)

Cohen (b. 3 Apr 1902, Fla., d.10 Feb 1989)

Kahn J. (b. 5 Mar 1906, Fla., d. 29 Dec 1962)

From Mollie L. Clements, 800 Sunnyside Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801, [BVT32A@prodigy.com]. I am interested in finding the wife, parents, etc. of a John Sanders/Saunders in Hawkins Co., Tenn. I believe my ancestor, George Nathan Saunders (b. 1788, d. 1873[?] in Miss.), who married Mary Grantham, 1805, Hawkins Co., Tenn., was a son named in will of John Sanders of Hawkins County. Does anyone have further information?

Ed Saunders, 8408 Julian Robles NE, Albuquerque, NM 87117, [saunders@fc.dna,mil] says he is a direct descendent of James and Sarah (Gunnel) Saunders from Loudoun Co., Va. through their son, James. He is willing to exchange information with anyone in this line. He is looking for information on the earlier family line, possibly through Phillip Sanders of Westmoreland Co., Va. He has printed a 65-page manuscript of historical research on his Saunders/Sanders that he would be glad to share for the cost of printing and postage (\$8.00).

From Johnnye Sanders Entz, 14137 Regency Lane, Dade City, FL 33525. She is seeking the parents of Henry Sanders, born ca 1775 in Dinwiddie Co, Va. Married Elizabeth (?) in Baldwin Co., Ga. Will respond to writers.

From Ruby Fargo Etchison, 6481 Di Giorgio Road, Bakersfield, CA 93307. My g-g-g-g-grandfather was Michael Mitchell Sanders who came from

England to Virginia about 1745. He married a full-blood Cherokee, Susannah of the Bird Clan in north Georgia. Seeking additional information.

From Beverly M. Locke, 212 N. Center St., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. I am seeking information on a John Sanders family. He was born 3 Feb 1867 in Butler, Ind. He died 14 Jun 1939 in Eaton Co., Mich. Wife was Fannie Della Holmes, born 23 Sep 1873 in Mansfield, Ohio, died 16 Feb 1948 in Eaton Co., Mich. They were the parents of Dessie, John, Jay, Harvey, and Flossie. I was told that John played the violin for passengers on the train traveling to Arkansas to visit relatives or friends.

Amy Sanders McKinney, 906 West 11th St., Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455 says she is a member of an Arkansas Sanders family that came from Mississippi into what is now Hot Spring County in the mid-1800s. Her great-grandfather married in Clark Co., Ark. in 1852

Susan B. Gilsdorf, 9637 Snowhill Rd., Richmond, Va 23235. I am looking for information on Philip Saunders who first appears in the tax list of Rockbridge County, Va. in 1791. His wife was Sarah Kauffmann (Coffman). According to a family book, they were German and came from Pennsylvania to Rockbridge County. Records that have been searched do not show that he was ever a landowner and his occupation is not given. His name appears for the last time in the tax list of 1820. Apparently he died in 1821. His daughter Mary was married to William Williams on Sept 5, 1811 by the Rev. Samuel Houston of the High Bridge Presbyterian Church of the same county. Mary was about 20 at that time and was born in Pennsylvania before the family migrated to Virginia.

Some other information pertaining to the Saunders family: John Saunders (often spelled Sanders) migrated from Virginia to Marion County, Ind., where his daughter Elizabeth married "her cousin" William Williams, Jr. who had apparently traveled west with them. Therefore John Sanders was a brother of Mary Saunders Williams.

I am descended from all of these peo-

ple and would appreciate any information available to me about the Saunders/Sanders and/or Kauffmanns/Coffmans. I have a history printed on the family of Thomas Williams-- father of William if anyone needs information on them and thinks this would be of help.

C. R. Sanders, 2151 Kirby Parkway, Memphis, TN 38119-6627, [102657.1274@compuserv.com] would like to extend ancestral line and find more descendants of these Sanders. The family line starts with John Sanders found in Stokes County, N.C. in the 1790 census. Stokes Co. was divided and his home area is now in Forsythe Co, N.C. east of Winston-Salem. This John Sanders' will was found in the court house in Dandridge, Jefferson Co., Ind., probated in 1796. I believe his son was also John who was the father of William H. Sanders, b. 1802, Jefferson Co., Tenn., who m. Maria Jane Thompson in Grainger Co., Tenn., 12 Dec 1825. Wm. H. was my g-g-grandfather and he died in Alexander Co., Ill., 1860. One of his sons, William Oscar, was my great-grandfather, b. 17 July 1849, d. 18 Oct 1917 St. Louis, Mo, m. Amanda J. West 22 August 1870, Alexander Co. Ill. William Oscar Sanders had two sons, Clarence E., b. 2 Sep. 1871 and William West Sanders, my grandfather, b. 12 Jan. 1873, E.Cape Girardeau, Ill., d. 19 Nov. 1955, St. Louis, William West m. Rosaltha Davis, b. 7 Dec 1869, Alexander Co., Ill., 14 Aug 1895 in Cairo, Ill.. They had two children, Juanita and William John Sanders, my father, b. 16 Aug 1902, St. Louis, d. 3 May 1983, St. Louis.

From Betty Sanders Elliott, HC 84, Box 50, Canyon City, OR 97820-9701. Carl, the son of Thomas Edward Eudorus Sanders (born in 1862 and son of Edward Sanders and Julia Margaret Caroline Bollinger) was taken by relatives in Canada after his mother died when he was a week old. Carl was born February 3, 1902. The spelling of his last name was changed to Saunders. He spent most of his grown-up life seeking relatives. Carl settled in Florence, Oregon, where he passed away. I lost track of his children and would very much like to hear from them. ■

## Some Sanders in the Ozark County (Missouri) History

The following was forwarded by Patsy S. Chappalear, 9714 South Rice Avenue, Houston, TX 77096-4138, [PSC@tom.imb.uh.edu]. Continued from last issue)(

### Gradie and Bernie (Amyx) Sanders

Gradie Sanders, son of John Thomas and Martha Eliza (Turnbo) Sanders, married Bernie E. Amyx, daughter of Sidney Fulton and Laura Edgie (Patterson) Amyx, on June 10, 1931, at Pontiac, MO.

John Sanders, son of Henry and Martha Jane (Mahan) Sanders, was born May 23, 1885, in Ozark County and died August 13, 1968, at Gainesville. He married Eliza Turnbo, daughter of James David Turnbo, born February 10, 1860, Ozark County, died September 23, 1900, Pontiac, and Chinese Evelyn (Martin) Turnbo, born January 10, 1861, died February 1943, Grove, OK. Eliza Turnbo was born April 19, 1891, in Ozark County and died June 6, 1970, at Gainesville. She and John were married on December 20, 1905, at Pontiac. Their children, all born at Pontiac, were Mae Sanders Lovelace, born October 24, 1906; Vada Sanders Johnson, born August 3, 1911, died November 3, 1981, Springfield; Gradie Sanders, born September 29, 1913; and Velma Sanders Bennett, born February 10, 1921.

Henry Sanders, son of Hiram (born 1834) and Mary (Medlock) Sanders (born 1849), was born March 23, 1863, and died April 3, 1947, at Pontiac. Henry and Martha J. Mahan, daughter of John William Mahan (served in the Civil War) and Mary Martha (Nave) Mahan, born December 17, 1867, Ozark County, died November 20, 1951, Pontiac, were married November 27, 1883, in Ozark County.

John W. Mahan, son of Isaac Newton and Elouisa (Ford) Mahan, born November 27, 1843, Ozark County, died October 31, 1912, Ozark County, and Mary Martha Nave, daughter of John and Redessa "Dicie" Malonee (Trimble) Nave, born December 12, 1847, AR, died circa June 1, 1905, Ozark County, were married October 26, 1861, in Marion County, AR.

Isaac N. Mahan, son of David and Mary "Polly" (Fletcher) Mahan, born in

1822, McMinn County, TN, died circa 1875 at Gainesville, and Louisa Ford, daughter of John B. and Susan (Graham) Ford, born November 27, 1823, AR, and died March 24, 1878, Ozark County, were married in 1840 in Ozark County.

David Mahan, son of James and Nancy Ann (Goodwin) Mahan, born in 1795 in Knox County, KY, and died circa 1840 in Taney or Ozark County, and Polly Fletcher, born in 1794 in South Carolina, were married April 6, 1815, at Cumberland, KY.

John B. Ford, born in 1770, KY, and died in 1831, Ozark County, and Susan Graham, daughter of Elijah, born circa 1760, KY, died November 1841, Washington County, AR, and Sarah (Bray) Graham, born circa 1760 and died September 25, 1845, were married in Marion or IZard County, AR.

Other ancestors of Gradie Sanders include William "Buck" Trimble of Irish and Cherokee ancestry, born 1778, AL, and died April 6, 1820, and his wife, Sallie Coker, who were the parents of Dicie Trimble Nave; Dicie's husband, John Nave, and his parents, Isaac, born 1849, Marion County, AR, died July 1896, and Grace Elmira (Turnbo) Nave; and Isaac Nave's parents, Abraham, born 1810, TN, and died 1861, Ava, and Mary Jane (Trimble) Nave, born circa 1818, AR, and died Ozark County. Also included are David and Peggy (Smith) Onstott, both buried in Taney County, and their daughter, Eliza Onstott, and her husband, James Turnbo, both buried in Riddle Cemetery in Arkansas south of Protom. The Turnbos and Onstotts are of Dutch ancestry.

### Samuel and Malinda (Luna) Sanders

Samuel Sanders was born about 1800 in Kentucky, the son of S. and N. Sanders, and died January 20, 1859, at Sycamore. He was buried at the Sanders Cemetery.

Samuel was married to Malinda "Lina" Luna about 1829 in Tennessee. She was born April 11, 1812, in Tennessee, the daughter of James and Mary Thomas (Smith) Luna, and died August 29, 1886, at Sycamore. She, too, is buried at the Sanders Cemetery.

Samuel and Lina had eleven children:

Amanda (1830-1862) married William Johnson and believed moved to Greene County, AR; James (1832-1860) first married Louise Russell and second Elizabeth Hogan; Ellen (born circa 1834) never married, had a hand ground off in a molasses mill when young; Mary Jane (born circa 1835) first married Solomon Moffis, then Josiah Owen, and finally John Wallen; Lurana "Raney" (1836-1916) first married George Ellis and second Henry Hunt; Matilda (born circa 1840) married John Driskell; Harriet Smith (1843-1912) married Larkin Capps, then John McCleary, and finally William Russell; Jesse R. (born 1845) married Mrs. Sarah (Green) Russell; Permelia Frances (1847-before 1880) married John M. Martin; Samuel Anthony (1851-1930) married Matilda Russell; and Eliza Lodoska (1855-1886) married Elisha James.

--Submitted by Mrs. Joyce ■

### Some Sanders Wills in Georgia

From Melody Rogers, P. O. Box 462785, Escondido, CA 92046-2785, [WUCA09A@prodigy.com]. I found the following in an index to Georgia Wills:

SANDERS		
*Aaron	Franklin Co.	1848-67
Abram	Warren	1817
Aley	Crawford	1852-94
Bethany	Wilkinson	1889
Charles H	Newton	1823-51
Drusilla	Oglethorpe	1807-26
E.R. Mrs.	Clayton	1859-1921
Flora	Fayette	1828-97
Gilly	Upson	1826-1910
James	Hancock	1804
James E.	Madison Co.	1842-96
James M.	Pulaski	1816-50
*Joel	Franklin	1848-67
John	Bibb	1855
Thomas J.	Crawford Co.	1852-94
William	Clayton	1859-1921
William T.	Franklin	1848-67

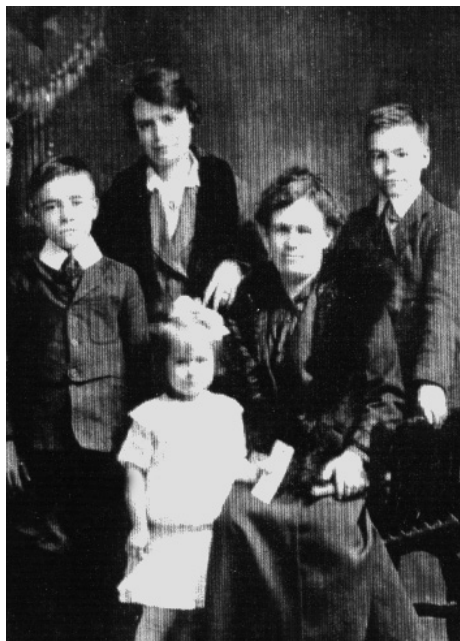
The book did not list all wills as I have obtained copies of some that were not in the book. Found a wealth of info on the ones I obtained. Hope this info may help someone else working on their roots. Names listed with \* are my relatives - any relations out there?. ■

## More Queries . . .

From David and Denny Cornell Sanders, 14 Silver Royd Garth, Lower Wortley, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS12 4UZ, ENGLAND, [101446.3516@compuserve.com]. Looking for parents of Benjamin David Sanders, d bef 1893. He was the father of Edward Henry Sanders, b 1865, married Elizabeth Sarah Wright, b 1869, on 3 October 1893 in St. Andrews Church Camberwell, Surrey. They were the parents of Edward Benjamin David Sanders, b 15 Aug 1894 at Sheerness, Kent, died Jun 1977. He married Mary Margaret May Webb, b 16 Jun 1896 at Sheffield, Yorkshire, died 19 Dec 1951. They were the parents of Jack Sanders, b 8 Jan 1923 at Letchworth, Beds, who married Edith Dunwell, b 13 Sep 1923 at Leeds, Yorkshire. They are the parents of David Christopher Sanders, b. 7 Jun 1959 in Leeds, Yorkshire.

I have found, as yet to be fully confirmed, that Benjamin David was a Market Gardener on the Isle of Wight, I have checked some census records and found a family but as yet am unable to tie them conclusively to Edward Henry, although the family I found was Benjamin b 1831 & Ellen b 1833, plus 3 female children, but I ran out of time at the PRO in London last time I was there! So anyone with links from either Camberwell, Surrey, or on the Isle of Wight with the Sanders (not Saunders - they all seem to be quite proud of not having the "u" - I don't know why as yet - but will find out in time no doubt!), might be able to help me.

Nancy Sibley Yeager, 2931 Ponkan Pines Dr., Apopka, FL 32712, [kyaeger@magicnet.net]. Looking for a missing link or other connections. Ancestor Oliver Sanders married to Abigail Carlton. Are they the parents of Durin Sanders who is the father of Henry Sanders, born 1803 in Chesterfield, NY, died 26 Feb 1895 in Au Sable Forks, NY? Henry was married to Lucy Jacques, born Feb 1809 in Jay, NY, died 13 Jun 1876 in Jay, NY. Henry and Lucy were the parents of Rausom D. Sanders, born 1829 in Jay, NY, died 28 Jan 1892 in Keene, NY. He was married to Lucinda E. Crouch, born 1826 in Albany, NY, died in Jay, NY. Their daughter, Retteena Jasmine Sanders, born 26 Apr 1850 in Clintonville, NY,



This is Alice Sanders LePage with her children, Augustus (1904), Amy (1898), Isabella (1913), and Arthur (1897). Alice was the second child of Nicholas Bolivar Sanders and was born in Carthage, Mo. in 1876. Picture was made about 1916. See query on page 4.

died 2 Jun 1929 in Los Angeles, CA, married George Whitney Sibley in Clintonville, NY, 25 Jun 1877.

From Vivian Drake, 21811 Vera Street., Sp 61, Carson, CA 90745, [Viv72@aol.com]. I am looking for the parents of William Sanders who was born in 1818 in Kentucky. He married Latitia Dunbar in Indiana and they had six children. Latitia died before 1857 and he married Mary Jane Organ and they had six children. He died about 1893 in Indiana

From Macie Williams, 3100 N. Main, Ennis, TX 75119.

Stephen Sanders married Mary P. Greene (daughter of Alexander Greene) on 4 Jul 1816 in Baldwin Co., Ga. They are living in Morgan Co., Ga., in the 1880 census, but I've been unable to find them in a later census. Where did this family move to? When did they die? I would like to correspond with anyone who has information on this family. My line is the Greene line, but I need to try to locate Mary Sanders to find her death date, children, etc. ■

## These Sanders Moved From N.C., to Tenn., to Indiana

From Keith Bean, 686 Rambleton Dr., Vacaville, CA 95688 [kbean9999@aol.com]. I'm researching one of my wife's family lines. Please let me know if you have any information. I know this branch of the family was in N.C. in the 1780's and then moved to Indiana via Tennessee. Here is what I have on this family: Joseph Sanders: born in 1781 in NC. He married Sarah ?? (born in 1785 in N.C.). They had several children: Wright, Calvin (born 1818 N.C., died 1827 Tenn.), Needham (born 1817 N.C.), Ardum (born 1826 N.C.), and Exum (born 1830 N.C.).—Wright Sanders: born 1820 in N.C. He married Caroline ??? (born 1826 in Ind.). They had at least one child: Joseph Sanders —Joseph Sanders: born 1848 in Ind., died around 1887-1895. He married Mary H. Baldwin (born abt May 1848 in Ind.) They had at least three children: Seth, Emma (born 1887 in Ind.) and Frank (born in Ind.)—Seth Sanders: Born 1883, New Castle, Henry Co, Ind., and died Jun 1932 in Denver, Co. Married Anna Pearl Garrison. ■

### Sanders History is Available

A 218-page Sanders history has been completed by Barry W. Downs that traces the descendants of Samuel Saunders, Sr. It is titled, *The Sanders Family of Edmonson County, Kentucky, "First Family of The Forks."*

It is a genealogy and history of the Sanders family during the past 250 years, tracing their Scottish heritage, their immigration to America, their migration to Virginia and Tennessee, and their eventual settlement in Kentucky. It covers their further westward movement to the states of Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

It includes allied information on the families of Meridith, Blair, Brooks, Carroll, Davis, Decker, Houchin, Kersey, Priddy, Skaggs, Van Meter, and Vincent.

The book may be ordered for \$30.00 (postpaid) from: Sanders Family History, Barry W. Downs, 1243 McGrew Church Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754. ■

## Notes About This Issue

Again, there was still not room for some of the longer queries or stories that were submitted.

E-mail addresses of contributors are listed right after the other address in brackets [ ], if the person has an e-mail address. It will be listed as an Internet address, so if you are on Compuserve, Prodigy, America-On-Line, or whatever—you can recognize the part of the address that is to be used for your service

It will be very much appreciated if you send me your queries and other material via e-mail. Send it to me at [dschaefer@comp.uark.edu] or [Siftings@aol.com]. If you can't e-mail, but can put your copy on a 3 1/2" disk in WordPerfect (5.0) or most anything on a Macintosh. Also, if you send cleanly typed copy I can scan it with OCR software and a scanner. *Whichever is okay for you.*

I still need to get more queries. Perhaps you'd like to update a query that has already been published. Be sure to include enough material so that someone can identify the proper people to whom they may connect, but don't make them *too* long.

The address on the envelope in which your newsletter is mailed has the month that your subscription expires in type like this - Apr 96. Most subscriptions expire with the next issue.

This newsletter is done in QuarkXPress 3.3 on a Macintosh LCII computer. I output on an Apple Personal LaserWriter NTR. Text type is 10 pt. Berkeley Medium on 11 pt line spacing. Display type is Berkeley and Opine Heavy. Scanning is done with a Microtek ScanMaker IIHR using PhotoShop or OmniPage Direct. ■

## Next Issue - April 1996

The next issue of *Sanders Siftings* will contain a very interesting account of the Christian martyr, Laurence Saunders, who was executed in the middle of the 16th century in Coventry, England. He is an ancestor of a great many of us. ■

## Family Traced Back to John P. Sanders

From Melodie Sanders,  
[mes@vax2.utulsa.edu].

Our SANDERS family came to Arkansas, I suspect from Tennessee and North Carolina, but I really haven't obtained that much information yet. I caught the genealogy and history bugs while in college over 20 years ago. The Sanders family is one of the first families I tackled putting on the computer, I have most of those files indexed in the PAF program.

Our Sanders family (actually my husband's family) is traced only to John P. Sanders. Mr. Sanders lived in Hempstead Co., Ark., before it became Howard Co. at the town, Mine Creek. Narria Smith Sanders applied for an Arkansas Confederate Widow's pension so we know Mr. Sanders fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. If I remember correctly, Narria or her parents may have been from Alabama. The son, William Eli Sanders moved to Coalgate, Choctaw Nation about 1900. They moved back to Howard Co, Ark., briefly, then back to the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory. We speculate that the move back to Howard Co was due to a need for better medical care for Lou Rena (Morgan) Sanders, William's wife. She had a baby who died before the youngest son was born. The youngest, William Lowell Sanders was born in Howard Co, Ark. About 1909 the family moved to Muskogee, Okla., where my husband, Earl Stanley Sanders, was born and raised.

There are very few of this Sanders family alive. My husband, one male cousin, his children, and grandchild, then a female cousin and her children, and Stanley's sister and her children. Stanley and I do not have any children. There is another female cousin, but we have no idea where she has disappeared to. The great-uncles had children, but we haven't any idea of how many, etc Dave (David), Lish (Elisha), and Dude lived in Ashdown up to the 1950s, I think. If my memory serves me several of the brothers attended William Eli Sanders' funeral in 1954. (Or was it Louise Rena?...)

An uncle (William Lowell Sanders) who was a "story-teller" (or as a Morgan cousin put it, he lies a lot) said better not shake the Sanders tree too hard,

you'll shake out a bunch of drunks and horse thieves. As all of the uncles and my husband's father were alcoholics, the drunks are possible. I doubt the horse thieves. They seem to be law abiding "working" class people. There are several who would probably qualify as "never-do-wells", but most are solid citizens. Stanley's father was the owner of the Dodge dealership and was a city councilman before he died.

Most of the uncles were either mechanics, or car painters, etc except the "story-teller." He was a guitarist (under the name of Bob Sanders) who toured the country with several "Big Bands" in the 1920-1930s. One of those bands he toured with was the Lawrence Welk Band (I have a photograph of Lawrence Welk and Bob Sanders on a visit that Mr. Welk made to see Bob Sanders.) The grandfather (William Eli Sanders) worked as a farmer, coal miner, and a railroad laborer. William Eli Sanders apparently had tuberculosis. When my husband was a small child, and to this day, he still tests positive. The great-grandfather (John P. Sanders) was a farmer (Or at least, that's what his occupation was on the census.)

## Daughter of Tom Sanders?

Mary Donna Foley, 460 Weston Rod, Russell Springs KY 42642, [71101.1074@compuserve.com]. Daughter of Thomas J. & Elizabeth McBrayer Sanders: Mary Sanders b. ? m. 10 Feb 1842 Pike Co., Ky. Isham Potter b. ? s/o Sarah Potter; county court clerk certified that "the oril consent of Thomas J. Saunders Parent of the said Mary Saunders was given". Not on 1850 Pike County, Ky., census. Did this family live in Letcher Co? When did Mary & Isham die? Need names of their children. Isham's name may also have been listed as Isom. One source states he was the son of Marshall Mullins and Sally Potter and that Isom Potter Mullins married Mary Ann Sanders the first time and Mary Philips the second. Sarah/Sally probably had Isham/Isom before she married. Believe this Sarah Potter, daughter of Benjamin Potter, married Squire Hollinsworth 22 Aug 1839 in Clay Co, Ky. Any information on Mary or Mary Ann Sanders would be greatly appreciated.. ■



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