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## Kevin Saunders Is An Inspiration To Many Who Think They "Can't Do It"

*"There's always a way!"*

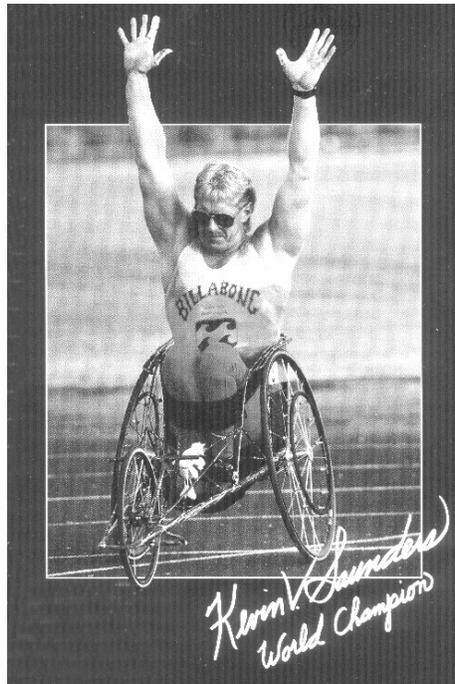
Kevin Saunders, the first disabled person ever appointed to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, lives by this motto. He's a symbol of its truth. He's a champion to young and old, abled and disabled. And he's an inspiration to those who, like himself, thrive on challenges and approach life with optimism, enthusiasm, and determination.

Paralyzed from the chest down, Kevin was injured in a 1981 grain elevator explosion in Corpus Christi, Texas. The catastrophic blast, considered by officials to be the worst in South Texas history, destroyed the building in which he was working as a federal inspector, leaving ten co-workers dead. Kevin was hurled over 300 feet by the explosion, suffering a broken back, collapsed lungs, and massive internal bleeding. He had no use of his limbs and spent the weeks that followed in intensive care, slipping in and out of consciousness. Doctors said he would not survive his injuries, but through courage, tenacity, and will to live, he beat the odds.

During the years of hospitalization and therapy that followed he found inspiration in the words of his mother, "Kevin, things always happen for the best." Kevin says "I constantly remind myself that my accident occurred for a purpose—a purpose that will provide me with even greater opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of others."

As one of fifty million physically challenged Americans, Kevin has turned his personal tragedy into a successful career as a world and Paralympic champion, a motion picture and television actor, a popular motivational speaker, and an advocate for physical fitness.

The son of a Downs, Kansas, farming family, Kevin learned at an early age that integrity and hard work are the keys to



achievement. His parents, Donald and Freda Saunders, instilled in him and his two brothers a sense of responsibility and the value of hard work. As he grew older he developed a passion for sports, for which he trained hard, often running alongside his father's tractor heaving bales of alfalfa onto a moving trailer.

In high school Kevin was an outstanding athlete. His abilities on the football field, track, and basketball court earned him a college scholarship at Kansas State University. After graduating with a degree in agriculture, he went to work for the U.S.D.A.

Despite his near-fatal accident, Kevin's competitive spirit and love of sport has continued to bring him success and recognition. He has set several world records in international wheelchair competition. A bronze medal in the Olympic Stadium, Seoul, Korea; four medals at the 1990 Pan American Games;

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## A Saunders Find In Houston, Texas

Several readers have been able to visit the Sanders/Saunders collection in the Litchfield, Illinois, Library since I wrote about it in the April and July issues of 1997. Some have found some real good information. Here's another source!

Barbara Rushing, 2 Twin Springs Place, Woodlands, TX 77381, [terush@main.com] has written *Sanders Siftings* about another good collection of Saunders/Sanders material.

"Miss Katherine Reynolds did years and years of research on Saunders and when she died gave all her records to the Clayton Genealogical Library, Houston, Texas. The Clayton Library is near the Texas Medical Center. The Saunders records are extensive. I imagine there are ten or more 4" notebooks of her work. She worked with my mother, Janie McMahan in 1969, Mrs. Lucille Prior, Washington, D.C., Martha Harvin of Shreveport, La.; and several others and traveled extensively doing her research. There was an older Dr. Saunders who wrote some material who had lived in the Orient. Miss Reynolds never married and had no children.

"She was able to get the Benjamin Saunders' (b. 1746, m. 1768 Leah Smith) Rev. War record accepted by the DAR; his parents were Joel Saunders and Charity; he d. 1782 in Ga. Benjamin's daughter Rachel married Lazarus Phillips. She was descended from Rachel and Lazarus Phillips (m. 1796 in Chatham Co., N.C.), moved to Henderson Co., Tenn., listed in the 1830 census; moved to Tishomingo Co., Miss. Both died and are buried there in Shady Grove Cem., Miss." ■

Don Schaefer, *editor*

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## Kevin Saunders' Inspiration

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a gold at the 1990 World Track and Field Championships; and Best All Around Wheelchair Athlete in the world are testament to the talent and conviction of this accomplished athlete.

[The family historian of the Saunders line in Kevin's family is Dr. Marvin D. Headley, 2312 NW Acorn Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64014. He has traced his family back to John Saunders (b. 1757, d. 1828 Mecklenburg Co., Va.) and wife Millie (d. 30 Sep 1852 Va.) through their son Thomas (b. 1785, Va., d. 1842 Va.) who m. Mary "Polly" Morris (b. 1790 Va., d. 1854 Cass Co., Mo.) on 19 Dec 1803 in Mecklenburg Co., Va. Write Marvin for more details.] ■

## Janie Jordan Needs Info On Lewis Saunders

Janie G. Jordan, 58 Fairlie Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, [RJordan440@aol.com] is seeking parentage, siblings, wife, and complete list of children of Lewis Saunders who had at least three daughters: Elizabeth, Harriet, and Malinda. These daughters were all married in Botetourt Co., Va. My ancestress is Malinda who married Winston Coley 24 Jan 1839. William G. Saunders served as a bondsman for their marriage and may be Malinda's brother. I located Lewis on the 1820 census for Bedford Co., Va., but the first of the above marriages in Botetourt Co. was 1828. I have determined Malinda's birthyear to be about 1810. A marriage bond in Brunswick Co., Va., dated 3 May 1798, for one Lewis Saunders and Martha Saunders is the best I can come to a correct time frame. This query. published in last issue, had incorrect e-mail address. ■

Betty Lilley, 1197 S. Hamblin Dr., Kanab, UT 84741. [lilley@xpressweb.com] Anyone who has these people in their line of Sanders? Samuel A. Sanders, (b. 1852 Ark.), m. Malissa Hardaway (b. 1856 in Ark.) abt 1884. Samuel's father was called Sam (this is what is on his death certificate. Their living children were: Lucy, Leonard (my grandfather), and Texanna (also known as Anna). Samuel's parents came from Miss. according to the 1900 census, which is the only place I have found them. Have been stumped on this family for about 30 years. ■

## Do You Connect To Joshua Sanders of Massachusetts?

Laura Gaudette Green, P.O. Box 451, Saxtons River, VT 05154 [mgreen@together.net] wishes to correspond with anyone interested in the descendants of Joshua Sanders, born in Billerica, Mass., in 1763, moved to New Hampshire, and finally settled in Middlesex, Washington Co., Vt., about 1820. Interested in what became of his descendants, especially the ones that left Vermont. I have much information to share.

Joshua Sanders married 14 Mar 1785 in Chelmsford, Mass. Lydia Chamberlain. One child: Joshua, b. in Billrica, Mass. 30 Oct 1785.

Joshua Sanders married second Sarah Farmer. 13 more children: Oliver, b. 20 June 1790, m. Lucinda Pike, d. 23 Feb 1881 in E. Montpelier; Sally, b. probably in N.H. 22 Dec 1792; Lydia, b. probably in N.H. 18 Mar 1793; Peter, b. 5 Feb 1795 in N.H.; m. Hannah Pike; Abigail, b. 9 Apr 1797, probably in N.H.; Clarissa, b. 2 Jan 1799, probably in N.H., d. 28 Jun 1810 in Vt.; Permilia, b. 18 Feb 1801, probably in N.H., m. Benjamin

Chatterton 15 Jan 1827 in Middlesex, Vt.; Eri, b. 5 Feb 1803, probably in N.H., m. 29 Nov 1826 in Middlesex, Vt. Charlotte Chatterton, d. 17 Sep 1829 in Vt.; Ann b. 20 Mar 1805 probably in N.H.; Willard, b. 10 Jul 1807; m. Fanny Hoyt 3 Dec 1835 in Middlesex, Vt.; d. 8 Jan 1893 in E. Montpelier, Vt.; Asbury, b. in Unity, N.H. 6 Apr 1809; m. Maria Wood and Arivilla Wright; d. in Berlin, Vt. 27 Mar 1885; Clarissa, b. 30 Dec 1811, d. 29 Dec 1812; Jarville, b. 22 Jun 1820 in Middlesex, Vt., m. Ann Gould; d. 25 Aug 1863, probably in Montpelier, Vt. ■

Helen D. Sanders, 4895 Herman St., Eugene, OR 97404-3337 is researching a Sanders line starting with William Sanders (b. 11 Jun 1847 in Prussia, d. 11 Nov 1922) m. Madgalene Wasserfall (b. Switzerland 23 Sep 1849, d. 2 Jan 1921) at St. Jacob, Ill. 6 Mar 1870. Helen's late husband, Herman, was a great grandson of William. Most of the Sanders settled in Kansas. ■

## Unusual Saunders Marriage Ceremony Recorded In Westerly, Rhode Island

Paul A. Saunders, 1417 Woody Creek Rd., Matthews, NC 28105, [Pasaun0712@aol.com] sent this account of an unusual marriage ceremony:

John Saunders, eldest son of my immigrant ancestor Tobias Saunders, served as Justice of the Peace in Westerly, Rhode Island, as did his father. Both men officiated at several weddings, but John had one wedding which was quite unusual. It was described thusly in *The Narragansett Historical Register*, vol.1, 1882-3:

"A SINGULAR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. - To all people to whom it may concern; this may certify you that Nathaniel Bundy, of Westerly, took ye widow Mary Palmister of said town, in ye highway, with no other clothing but shifting, or smock, on ye evening after the 26th day of April, 1724; and was joined together in that honorable estate of matrimony, in ye presence of John Coles, Peter Crandall, James Coney, Moses Downing, George Stillman, Mary Crandall, Mercy Hill; and was so joined together as above said, ye day and year above mentioned. Per me

JOHN SAUNDERS, Justice.  
Registered ye 29th day of April, 1724.  
Per JOHN BABCOCK, Town Clerk."

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Nelson B. Vars, author of *Records of Tobias Saunders and His Descendants, 1880-1903*, had this to say about the subject:

"Of this seemingly very strange ceremony I have learned of four, one in South Kingstown, two in Westerly, one in Hopkintown [Hopkinton] - the record of one I found in Westerly I copied and sent to the *Newport Historical Magazine* and was published. But I have never seen published any explanation of the strange ceremony.

"Therefore I will give such information as I have received, believing it to be correct. The law was in substance this - If a married man died leaving a widow and unpaid debts, the man who should marry her became responsible for the first husband's debts. But a way of escape was provided, if they would comply with the requirements, which was as follows. That the bride-to-be (widow) should be married in the public highway, with no other clothing on but her

shirt. Thereby representing "in the figure," that she was a poor wanderer without any home or friends, utterly destitute - It was also required that the ceremony should be performed where at least three roads met - that is at the corners of the roads, showing still further in the figure that she had come thus far and was now at a loss, which road to take. She is there met by a man, who seeing her destitute and friendless condition offers to marry her and take her to himself and his home.

"As above stated, it was required to be where three roads met, that is at least three corners. But if that was not convenient then it was provided that the Bride-to-be (widow) should walk across the road back and forth at least 4 times, thereby representing the four corners of the road." ■

## Asa Sanders Is Searched From Tenn. To Ark.

Kathy Christensen-Gregory, GR-114, 131 NW 20th #D, Newport, OR 97365-0051 is tracking the line of Asa Sanders (b. 1810 Lincoln Co., Tenn., d. 1841 Van Buren Co., Ark.), m. Lurana "Raney" Brown Luna (b. 13 Jan 1810 Marshall or Sumner Co., Tenn., d. 13 Aug 1861 Van Buren Co., Ark.) 1826 in Lincoln Co., Tenn. Their children were:

James L. (b. 19 Jun 1827, d. 24 Dec 1874 Marshall, Searcy Co., Ark.), m. Ann Jane Roy Lunsford "Lunce" Long (b. 1830), m. Martha Jane.

Clarissa Malinda (b. 1831, d. 1904 Carter Co., Okla.), m. William Hensley (b. Perry or Wayne Co., Tenn., d. abt. Dec 1865 Van Buren Co., Ark.) abt. 1847 in Searcy or Van Buren Co., Ark. *This is Kathy's line.*

Mary Elizabeth (b. 24 Jul 1834 Van Buren Co., Ark., d. 4 Sep 1908 Avondale, Colo.) m. John Francis Murphy (b. 22 Oct 1828 Giles Co., Tenn., d. 8 Oct 1899 Avondale, Colo.) 17 Oct 1850 Van Buren Co., Ark.

John L. (b. 1835 Van Buren Co., Ark., d. Feb 1864 in Civil War), m. Martha Clinton.

Nathan Allen, (b. 16 Dec 1836 Lincoln Co., Tenn., d. 27 Jan 1914 Pope Co., Ark.) m. Sophia J. Baker (d. 19 Jun 1910 Pope Co., Ark.).

Harriet F. (b. 1839 Van Buren Co., Ark.), m. James M. Hughes.

Kathy has much more information. ■

## Message On Internet Reveals Information About Sanders-Ashley Connection

From Laura Hair Duffy,  
[lhduffy@prysm.net]:

Dear Virginia, Cleaning out old notes today and found this one from 1993 trip to Jackson. *David G. Ashley* by Thelma J. Ashley Litton (printed Nov. 1980) 929.2 As261 at the Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History Copied from the Ashley File; Records from South Carolina Archives and Census Records—beginning in Lancaster, Kershaw and Craven Counties, S.C.

John Ashley received 200 acres Homestead #10882, Mary Ashley, wife Aug 17 1759. Their son; Jordan Ashley (1735- 17 Aug 1817 Lancaster or Kershaw District), wife unknown, recieved 100 acres 27 Aug 1864. Jordan's children:

1. Robert Ashley (1755- 27 Sep 1829), Sarah Rue, wife (1774 Orange Co. N.C., d. after 1848) m. 2 Jan 1800. Robert Ashley served as Private in Rev. War. Was taken prisoner at Lindby Mills. Sarah raised large family. Received pension of \$50 per year from March 1848 til death. She also got Bounty Land. (from War Records)

2. Jordan Ashley (1 Apr 1761 Craven Co. S.C., d. 1 Jun 1830 in Miss.). Married about 1789 Sarah Sanders, (half Catawba Indian), b. 15 Nov 1769, d. after 1865 in S.C. After Civil War, Sarah left Copiah Co., Miss. on horse back to return to South Carolina to die with her people (Catawba). Enroute to South Carolina, she stayed with Indians. She lived her last years with Elihu Ashley, her grandson. He registered a \$100 bill in Federal Building, Monticello, Miss. and sent her half which she received and sent for the other half. Last she was heard from, she was nearly 100 years old.

Sarah Sanders parents—George Sanders, Jr. died 1820 Kershaw District, and Elizabeth died after 1820 in Kershaw Dist., S.C.

Sarah Sanders' grandparents—George Sanders, Sr. died after 15 Jul 1759 and Aness Sanders died after 15 Jul 1757. George Jr. had a sister Elizabeth who married an Ashley. Sarah's brothers were: George (d. 1829, m. Elizabeth Collins), Thomas, and William. ■

Listed in the 1850 Mortality Schedule of Sevier Co., Ark.: Sanders, Margaret, 25, married, b. Ala., d. March. ■

# Joseph and Sarah Sanders Story Told By Needham

This history was furnished to *Sanders Siftings* by Keith Bean, 686 Rambleton Dr., Vacaville, CA 95688. It was originally written by Needham Sanders of Muncie, Ind., in the fall of 1907 when he was past 90 years of age, for his nephew, Calvin Sanders of Los Angeles.

Needham Sanders was the father of Jimmy Sanders and a brother to Wright Sanders. Wright Sanders was the father of Joseph Sanders who married Mary H. Baldwin Sanders and they were the parents of Frank, Seth, and Emma Sanders.

Seth Sanders married Elizabeth Davis of Moreland, Ind., and they were the parents of Joe and Ira Sanders. Later Seth Sanders married Anna Perl Garrison of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and they were the parents of Albert, Dorothy, and Juanita Sanders. Ira Sanders married Lella Smith Sanders of Roanoke, Ind., and they were the parents of Dianne Sanders Pool and Stewart Sanders. Stewart Sanders married Carole Baker of Youngstown, Ohio, and they were the parents of Maureen, Kevin, and Kirk Sanders.

This history was copied by Mary H. Bales, the mother of Seth Sanders 8 Oct 1918 in Huntington, Ind., and recopied by her again in 1923. In 1951 this copy was typed at Columbus, Ohio, by Ira Sanders and in 1978 was updated by Nancy Dianne Sanders Pool also in Columbus, Ohio, for her brother Stewart Sanders of Chicago, Ill.

My father and mother, Joseph and Sarah Sanders, sold their home in Wayne Co., N.C., consisting of about three hundred acres, for three hundred dollars, also their personal property, with the intent of going to Henry Co., Ind., where my uncle Matthew Sanders and family and quite a number of their acquaintances had preceded them about a year and a half before.

My father and family of eight children left Wayne Co., N.C., about March 16th, 1827. There were in our company, seven one horse carts, and one little one horse wagon. The number of persons were 52, counting old and young. We passed through Raleigh, the capital of North Carolina, also Greensboro in Randolph County. We crossed Blue Ridge, at what was called the Cumberland Gap. Leaving North Carolina, we passed through Tennessee. At Clinch Mountain our whole company put the contents of our

crude vehicles into a four horse wagon to be carried up the mountain, and left our horses to pull the carts up the mountain if they could. However, we all reached the summit in safety.

Leaving the state of North Carolina, we passed through Tennessee and Kentucky and arrived at the Ohio River, opposite Cincinnati. Our whole company, horses, carts etc. were taken on a ferry boat which was guided by men quite a distance up the river by long poles and then oared at an angle across the river to the proper landing place. We did not spend much time in Cincinnati sight seeing. We were told it would be best on account of bad roads, to go down the Ohio River to the South Bend. While going down the river we saw a keel boat being propelled up the river, there being on each side of the boat a gangway and several men on each side of the boat with long poles, they passing single file toward the prow of the boat, would set their poles at an angle and would push until the boat had gone almost its length, and then going forward again and set their poles and this kept the boat constantly moving.

That was eighty years ago last spring, and before there were any steam boats on the river. Leaving the river at South Bend, we went past Harrison, Ohio, it being on the line between Ohio and Indiana. My father and Aunt Betsy, his sister, ran a race to see which could get into Indiana first. From Harrison we went through Brookville, thence to Connersville, thence to Milton. However, on the way, my father learned that some distance before reaching Milton there lived a man by the name of Johnathan Justice. On receiving that information my father told his informant that he proposed to eat dinner at his

house that day, but his informant thought he would likely receive a cold reception. But my father stuck to his resolution. Coming to the home of Mr. Justice, he and all the company received the most cordial reception that could be desired, both for horses and people. Bringing out a shoulder of well cured meat, telling the women to cut, cook and eat to their heart's content. My grandmother was given a bed to rest herself while the women were preparing their dinner. Some twenty five years before this (1782), my father having become his own man, with a young friend had taken a trip to Ohio and remaining about a year in the vicinity of Mad River in Clark County between Dayton and Columbus and in that trip had formed an acquaintance with the said Mr. Justice. From Milton we passed through Dublin, and stopped at a Mr. Purdue, and had leave to spread our beds in his hatter shop. The next day we went to the home of George Evans not very far from the place where Spiceland now stands. The next day which was the 7th of May, we arrived at the home of my uncle, Matthew Sanders, a short distance of where Greensboro now stands. We remained there until about the 1st of August. My uncle's house was log cabin, probably about 16 feet square. There were 10 of my father's family and four of my uncle's, making 14 in all, so the mansion in which we lived, served for a kitchen, dining room and reception room and bedroom. There was room enough so there was no contention or complaints, for everyone acted on the principle of what we cannot cure, we will endure.

Soon after we arrived in the vicinity, Nathan Pearson, living some seven miles up Duck Creek, learning of my father being in the vicinity, came to persuade him to go home with him and see land adjoining his. This my father did and was well pleased with the land. He took the direction of the land, it being N.W. quarter of section five, Township 17, North Range, 10 East. And as soon as circumstances would permit, went to Indianapolis and got a deed to said land. Soon after coming to my uncles, my father engaged some four acres for corn, which he did not get planted until the 5th of June, but being well tended, by the first of August, it looked very promising. At that time we left my uncles for our own home. My father by

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this time had sold one horse and bought one cow, the milk of which added much to our daily rations.

The Pearsons, by mistake, had built a cabin just over the line of their own land, so they by this time had built on their own land, moved into it, leaving the cabin they had previously occupied for us, which was not far from where my father wanted to build on his own land. My father and elder brothers and probably some hired help, put up a pretty respectable hued log house, with an upper room or loft as we called it, for part of the family a bed room. So we were soon housed, as well as any of our neighbors, though it was in an unbroken forest. My mother was very much discouraged, the thought pressing her - what shall we eat, and where shall we be clothed. Sometimes making the expression - if I had wings like a buzzard, I would fly back to North Carolina. But she with motherly instinct, utilized all the things she possessed, using the large tent that protected us at night from the inclement weather, usually in March and April, on our long journey coming to this country. She used the material of said tent, to make us winter clothes, it being of heavy material, designed not only to turn rains but to keep out the cold and it answered the purpose very well and we went through the winter so far as I know as well as any of our neighbors.

At corn gathering time in the fall, my father sent hands with two wagons, to gather and haul home the corn he had raised. In the evening they returned with the wagon bed about half full of cobs, shuck and corn, the squirrels having taken all the rest. The owner of the land not taking any share. In order to have corn for our winter supply, my father went near Dublin, Wayne County, probably 18 or 20 miles, and paid 50 cents per bushel for corn. In my father's opinion a hominy-mortar was one of the necessary appendages of a backwoods home.

Consequently he took a section of a log about 2 1/2 feet long and a little over a foot in diameter, and with an ax cut in one end as far as he could. Then with fire made 2 bowl shaped cavity, the charred wood he cleaned out nicely, then made a pessel by taking a stick a little like a ball bat and split the big end, to receive an iron wedge with an iron band to keep it from driving in too far, then it was ready for use, what was utilized regularly, both in beating corn into meal for bread, and beating hominy when the

mills were frozen up, which was very common in cold weather. In the fall and winter my father and older brothers cleared and fenced four or five acres ready for corn in the spring. Then sugar making time came, all hands were utilized in preparing the necessary amount of sugar and molasses for the coming season. We had through the spring and summer plenty of mush and milk, supplemented with sugar and molasses and almost daily a pot of meat and greens with good corn bread and butter and molasses. As for coffee we used very little, except home made, by scorching wheat, and using it as coffee. We used various kinds of home made teas, sassafras and sage, being the principal kinds.

In the spring of 1828 my father rented about half an acre for flax, which made a fine crop, which was pulled, cured, seed beat off, and rotted, that is spread thinly on a clean place on the ground to take the dew and rain until the woody part was sufficiently brittle, and then bound in small bundles and was then ready for the flax-break. Which, my father, being a natural genius was able to make. Also the scutching board and flax hatchel all of which was necessary to make the flax ready for wheel. Those implements I will not describe but site you any Septee or Octogenerian living in the country (not in town). Then came the necessity for flax wheel and also warping baps and the spool screed.

We soon got some hogs, some sheep, some ducks and some chickens. Our sheep were kept in a lot not far from the house at night, for wolves came by night and killed some of them, but left enough to afford wool enough the next spring to do us very well for winter clothes and the second winter. The corn crop of 1828 was very good, having enough to fatten our meat and do us pretty well until next crop came in. We also had plenty of pumpkins and squashes, for all the uses we could put them to, having only a little flour now and then. Every year more cleared land was added and soon we raised a little wheat and oats. Soon there was a grant for a State Road from New Castle to Middletown and Anderson. It was soon opened past our home and the travel of people going farther west and northwest gave us calls almost daily for feed and often lodging for the night, so we had home market for all we had to spare.

I should have stated that while we were in Tennessee my brother Calvin

## A New Wrinkle in the Origin of Saunders

From Paul A. Saunders, 1417 Woody Creek Rd., Matthews, NC 28105, [Pasaun0712]: I have made a summary of the Saunders names that I have found in various pedigrees for the Coat of Arms with three elephants' heads in my search for a connection between my immigrant ancestor, Tobias, and Laurence Saunders, the martyr, but still haven't found that connection. Most recently I have been reading through some biographical notes on the Saunders family of Northamptonshire written by John Holland who conducted the Visitation of Northamptonshire in 1616. Perhaps the most interesting thing I read in these notes was the following:

"The Family is of Saxon origin and annciently spelled their Name Saundherst."

Interestingly, in the same packet with Holland's Biographical Notes the Northants Record Office sent me copies of notes made by a Richard Saunders of Seven Kings, Essex, who was also trying to connect to this Coat of Arms in 1931-32. He commissioned a researcher, Rev. H. Isham Longden, to search for him in Northants and he produced two pedigrees for Richard, one of Saunders of Sibbertoft (which I already had) and one for Saunders of Potterspury and Paulerspury. Very interesting, but Longden was unable to make a connection for Richard it seems. Richard knew his line back to a Richard Saunders of Yardley Gobion in the parish of Potterspury in Northants who was born about 1490 and was assessed for subsidy there on 12 Dec 1543 and buried at Paulerspury on 27 Sept 1565. So, I'm not the first to search in vain for a connection with this family. ■

Denise Barret, 6735 Wildacre Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77479 is searching for parents and wife of Moses Saunders. She has very little information except for his daughter Sarah marrying Obadiah Hooper. ■

who was 8 years old, took sick on the road and died in the night, no one knowing just the time of death. It was a distressing thing to bury the dear boy and turn away from his grave and go on our journey. Here I will close.

Needham Sanders ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

Vera Keating Carver, 6620 Kingswood Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76133 [carverjc@aol.com]. My great-grandfather was W. T. Saunders who married Miss J. G. Dickinson in Itawamba Co., Miss., in 1882. They moved to Texas after 1893. The 1900 Johnson Co., Texas census shows W. T. Saunders, age 45, POB Miss.; J. G., wife, age 34, POB Ala.; Egbert, son, age 17; Vera, age 15; Marvin, son, age 12; Cora, daughter, age 7; all born in Miss. Also in the household was R. V. Saunders, father, age 73, POB Ala., parents both born in S.C. Vera Saunders (my grandmother) married Warren Williams Keating in Johnson County in 1905. She died in 1913 and is buried in Grandview, Johnson Co., Texas. W. T. Saunders died about 1903 and is buried in Itasca, Hill Co., Texas. Cora married and moved to San Antonio. First names of W. T. and J. G. are unknown. Mrs. W. T. Saunders moved with her sons to Dallas about 1920. My father last saw one of his uncles in Dallas about 1930. Would appreciate any info on this family.

Charles Stagg, 610 Versailles Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803, [cr\_stagg@big-foot.com] is seeking information about the family of Hiram P. Sanders (b. 22 Sep 1810 in Louisville, Ky., d. 2 Jan 1892) m. Mary Elinor Burch 26 Jan 1841. Children: James Fleece (b. 9 Jun 1848); Julia Marietta (b. 15 Mar 1845 in Ky., d. 25 Oct 1899 in Henrietta, Texas), m. Henry Franklin Stagg 3 Apr 1866 in Stewartville, Mo.; Margaret Katherine (b. 18 Jan 1850); Sarah Elizabeth (b. 21 Jul 1843), m. John Wylie 27 Aug 1867; William Berry (b. 3 Nov 1850, d. 18 Dec 1907), m. Girtrude Walker 23 Apr 1879.

Deena Green, 112 Wilson St., Apt. 135, Durant, OK 74701-3505, [greenme@redriverok.com] is looking for others who tie into her line. T.J. Sanders m. Amanda L. Their son, N. Jessie Sanders (b. 15 Dec 1856, d. 15 Jun 1890) m. Nancy. Their son, Estes Clyde Sanders (b. 6 Jan 1881, d. 7 Jul 1956) m. Anna Laura Smith in 1901. Their son, Jessie Lee Sanders (b. 19 Feb 1902 in Wesson, Copiah Co., Miss., d. 3 Aug 1950) m. Virgie Mary East 28 Sep 1921 in McKinney, Texas. Their son, James Estes Sanders (b. 4 Aug 1922 in McKinney, Texas) m. Rosa Lee Hays 8 Aug 1944 in Texarkana, Texas.

Carolyn Forster, 405 Rue Bergerac, Bonne Terre, MO 63628, [jcforster@juno.com] would love to hear from anyone connected to her Sanders line. The only information she has is on Joseph Sanders, b. 1852 in Ind. Joseph's first wife was May Matilda Manning (b. 1856 Jasper Co., Ill., d. 1879.) From that marriage their child was named Rachael (b. 22 Oct 1876 in Jasper Co., Ill., d. 4 Mar 1915 in St. Louis Mo.) She married William McClellan, son of Cornelius McClellan and Mary Terry. Joseph's second marriage was to Angeline Zimerle. Out of that marriage was born James Isaac Sanders, in Illinois. They lived most of the time in Jasper Co., Ill. Joseph was buried in Miller Cemetery.

Wilma J. Holcombe, 9208 Woodley Ave., North Hills, CA 91343-2929, [WJHolcombe@aol.com] is searching for lineage of Elender Sanders (also called Ellen and Eleanor), b. 10 Jun 1787 Va., m. Samuel Christy (Christie). Samuel, b. abt. 1780/90 N.C. Elender is buried Pierce Cem., Davis Co., Iowa. Remarried to John Smith in Davis Co. on 8 Dec 1858 after Samuel died abt. 1845 in Ind. He is buried in Burnsville Cem., Columbus, Ind.. Their daughter Sarah Christie, b. 1808 in Va., d. 1860/1865 Wayne Tnsp., Monroe Co., Iowa, m. Luke Banister on 30 Mar 1822 in Bartholomew Co, Ind. She had 11 brothers and sisters in Iowa, Indiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Would like to exchange with any descendants of either Christy or Sanders.

Aaron D. Saunders, 1730 Fair Wind Dr., Elizabeth City, NC 27909-6366 [charlotte@ecs.campus.mci.net] is tracing the line of William Sanders (b. abt. 1660 in Nansemond Co., Va.) who m. Mary Hall 8 Apr 1682 in Nansemond Co. Their children were Abraham (b. abt. 1690 in Nansemond Co., d. abt. 1750 in Perquimans Co., N.C., m. Judith Pritlow 16 Aug 1716 in Perquimans Co., N.C.); John (b. abt. 1690 in Nansemond Co., m. Pricilla Pritlow 8 Mar 1715/16 in Perquimans Co., N.C.); Benjamin (b. abt. 1690 in Nansemond Co., d. abt. 1744 in Perquimans Co., N.C.); Richard (b. in Nansemond Co., d. abt. 1769 in Perquimans Co., N.C.). Has much more information on descendants.

Judy Ann Perdue, 1331 Mesa Dr., Hollister, CA 95023, [jjperdue@hollinet.com]. I am looking for information on my g-g grandfather, Moses W. Sanders. I found him in a census in 1880 in Blue Ridge township, age 48 at that time. That is now Henderson Co., I believe. At that time he was married to Sarah Jones, 29. They had a one-year-old daughter named Harriott and two sons, Samuel Greenberry (b. 6 Sep 1883) and Lem or Lemual (b. ?). The census listed Moses as being disabled. I am wondering if his disability was caused by the Civil War. I did find the exact name listed in 13 Jul 1863 in Co. D, Cherokee Legion (Ga.) Infantry. Also there is a possibility he was married before, because of the young age of Sarah. So I am wondering if he had older children with another wife.

From Laine Sutherland, 2695 North Pebble Beach Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86004-7419, [PTPM52A@prodigy.com]. Who were the parents of Thomas Sanders, (b. ca 1724 maybe Va. or N.C., d. 1802 Edgecombe Co., N.C.), who m. Sarah Jordan, dau. of Cornelius and Mary Hedgepeth Jordan, abt 1760?

Janet Partlow, 1435 Conger Ave., NW, Olympia, WA 98502, [JPartlow@aol.com]. David Sanders, born in Vermont c. 1770, parents foreign born, probably in Scotland. Sanders family were loyal to the English and left after 1782 for lower Quebec, near Noyan. David married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_; Children: Elizabeth, John, Mary A., Elijah, and Samuel. Also probable children: Josiah, James, Jacob, and Green. David and family left Quebec around 1838, moved to Lawrence, St. Lawrence Co, N.Y. Left N.Y. around 1843 and settled near Delta, Eaton Co, Mich. David was a farmer who also worked as a lumberman. Anyone else looking into this line? All help and suggestions gratefully received and information shared freely.

Jeannie Rogers, 3309 E. Rock Wren Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85044-8708, [jeannie@getnet.com]. Need info on Hezekiah Sanders, died 1789 Guliford, N.C.; married to Martha. Hezekiah had brothers: John, Joel. Hezekiah and Martha had six daughters and two sons per his will. One dau was Elizabeth (b. 1790 N.C.) married Thomas Harvey 1814 Randolph Co, N.C.

Tommie M. Hosier, 4985 Lake Sparling Road, Orlando, FL 32810, [BHosier926@aol.com]. My great grandmother was Mary Jane Saunders, born ca 1840 maybe in Louisiana and died 1918 in Lakeland, Fla. She married Henry Louis Eggers and they lived in Arkansas. Do not have any other information but would like to know about Mary Jane's family.

Jerry Saylor, 2734 35th St, Moline, IL 61265 [gs57442@deere.com]. Does anyone have information on the parents of Salley (Sarah) Sanders? Salley was born abt 1770, probably in N.C., married Henry Byrum 19 Apr 1797 in Wake Co., N.C. and died about 1846 in Madison Co., Ky.

Dale Shaw, Jr., 2701 Revere Street #271, Houston, TX 77098, [rokjok@webtv.net]. My g-gm passed away in 1928 in Greenville, Hunt Co., Texas. Her maiden name was Mariah Catherine Saunders, b. May 1852 in Galatia, Ill. On her death certificate, it said "Father: I. Saunders, b. Va. Mother: Mariah Catherine Pugh, b. Tenn." I don't know what the "I" stood for. Isaac? Irvin? Isaiah? I don't know why he was in Illinois if he was from Virginia and his wife was from Tenn. They moved to Texas by covered wagon (according to my late grandmother) before the Civil War. I can't find them in a census. I can't find a death notice for either one.

Angie Hoschouer, 6910 Union Road, Englewood, OH 45322-3544, [Reptar5@aol.com]. Robert Hatton Sanders (b. 1865 in Pelham Valley, Tenn.), married Clara Mae Graham (b. 1879 in Whitwell, Tenn.). Seeking info on his siblings: Fait, Steve, Sid, Milton, Huse, Timey and their father, Porter Sanders. All from the Grundy, Marion, and Sequatchie Counties. area.

Barbara Rushing, 2 Twin Springs Place, Woodlands, TX 77381, [terush@main.com] is descended from John Mitchell McCraw and Katherine Saunders, dau of Thomas Saunders and Elizabeth Rook (m. 1779 N.C.), via her dau., Mary Isabelle McCraw (b. 1844 McNairy Co., Tenn.) m2. Green Washington Dorman, Sr. Anyone connected?

Sandra Nelson, 606 Buckeye St., Union, IA 50258, [sandy@adiis.net] is looking for anyone who has a connection to these Sanders. George H. Sanders (b. 1 Dec 1843 in Oleander (?) N.Y., d. 20 Feb 1930 in Flagg Station, Ill., m. Lucy Smith in 1871 in Flagg Station. Lucy had siblings named Elizabeth (Rowe), William, A.E., and Jane (Flowers). A son, Glenn Byron Sanders was born 4 Jul 1882 to George and Lucy, we believe at Flagg Station, d. 23 May 1953 in Iowa., m. Florence Myrtle Strong 3 Nov 1907. Their daughter, Violet Sanders, b. 1929 in Plover, Iowa, m. Dale Carlson, Iowa, in 1950. Violet's siblings were Paul, Lucy (Sterner, Greeley, Anderson), Maude (Salisbury), Ruth (Punjer), George, Glenn Jr., Robert, Earl, Jay, James, and Carl—born between 1907 and 1931 in Iowa. We think Flagg Station was in the Rochelle, Ill., area. We have a picture of George H. Sanders wearing his Civil War uniform at the age of 84.

Patricia Reindollar, P.O. Box 1103, Ennis, Texas 75120-1103, [PReindolla@aol.com]. I am searching for any information on my grandmother Addie Lou Sanders. She was born Jan. 28, 1897, I believe in Arkansas. She married Burt Lee Edmonds on Oct. 31, 1915 in Durant, Okla. She died Sep 9, 1968 in Dallas, Dallas Co., Texas. They had the following children: William Frank, m. Nina Jean Daugherty; Victoria Ruth, m. Jimmy Smith; Roy, m. Iris Walker; Juanita, m. Dan Brown; and Ralph, m. Margie Brantley (my parents). I do not know any of my dad's relatives, but remember as a small child that we use to visit his uncle Doc Sanders.

Carol Frager, 24 Oak Ave., Shelton, CT 06484, [JFrager@aol.com] is looking for parents/siblings of Jonathon Saunders born about 1775-76 in Gray, Maine. He married Susan Weeks.

Betty Crawford, 1309 North 61 st., Omaha, NE 68132, [bettycrawford@worldnet.att.net]. Seeking ancestors of John Saunders who married Millie \_\_\_ in middle 1700s. They raised a family of eleven children, born in Mecklinburg Co., Va. John Saunders died in 1828 in Mecklinburg Co.

### Millie Lyon Is Looking For Trail of Reuben E. Sanders Back To Missouri

Millie (Sanders) Lyon, 1203 Canyon Parke Drive, San Antonio, TX 78232, [fvlyon@aol.com] is looking for the trail back to Missouri for the line of Reuben E. Sanders (b. 17 Mar 1822, Mo., d. 10 Nov 1894, buried in Tehuacana Cem., Limestone Co., Texas), m. Nancy A. \_\_\_ (b. 1832, Mo.). Rev. Reuben E. Sanders "a pioneer Presbyterian minister, school teacher, and captain in the civil war" lived in Limestone Co., Texas. Children: Mary (b. 1850), m. \_\_\_ Wilson; Bryant (b. 1853); Elizabeth Ann (b. 21 Dec 1854, d. 30 Jun 1937) m. Joseph Douglas Patton (b. 19 Mar 1848); Emily Jane (b. 1861) m. M.H. Nelson in Limestone Co., Texas; James Edwin (b. 1866, Stamford, Jones Co., Texas, d 1950 Napa, Calif.) m. Sara Ann Eliza Red (1889); Cora (b. 1873) m. A.H. Thornton in Limestone Co., Texas. Some of this information on Reuben is in *Freestone County, Texas History Vol. I*. Millie's line is James Edwin Sanders. She has information on Reuben's descendants and is searching for ancestors. ■

Mary Davidson, 5722 W. 2nd St., Mears, MI 49436 [davidson@oceana.net]. Can someone please help me find the parents of Alexander C. Sanders (b. 1832, d. 23 Aug 1893 at Delaware Bend, Ohio); married Susan Woodcox (b. 1837 d. 23 Dec 1893) on 7 Oct 1856 in Defiance Co., Ohio. They had the following children: twins: George B. (b. 3 Aug 1869 in Rochester, Ind.) and Marion; Benjamin Franklin (b. 26 Sept 1862, m. Martha Fair); William; twins: John (m. Annie Nix) and Charles (m. Mary Cornelius); Josephus Alvin (b. 1862, m. Margaret Randel); James; Edward (m. Daisy Barrick); and Malinda J. Most are buried in Sherwood Cemetary, Sherwood, Ohio. Children of Benjamin Franklin (Frank) were Joseph Franklin (b. 17 May 1889), Roy Benjamin (b. 8 Apr 1891), Albert Lawrence (b. 19 Jun 1893), Pearl Martha (b. 13 Jan 1895), Mary Ethel (b. 9 Jun 1897), Lawrence Ugean (b. 22 Jul 1900), Arthur Gerald (b. 3 Mar 1903 or 1904), William Elger (b. 7 Jun 1904 or 1905), John Paul (b. 25 Sep 1906) and Frank Jr. (?). ■

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The mother of the *Siftings* editor is convinced that Kerry Sanders who is a TV newscaster on MSNBC is "one of her Sanders" because of his facial characteristics. I have told her that there are a lot of Sanders and besides that many people may have similar looks. It has proved fruitless to try to contact him at MSNBC. Does anyone out there know anything about Kerry Sanders' ancestry? Contact Don Schaefer at *Siftings* address or at [dschaefer@comp.uark.edu]. ■

## Ron Meets Colonel Sanders In Chicago

Received from Ron Sanders, 3708 River Bluff Road, Prospect, KY 40059, [PapawRon@aol.com] after an article in *Siftings* in July of 1996:

"I'm not related to the late Colonel Sanders of the Kentucky Fried Chicken chain; however, but I was fortunate enough to meet him years ago. In my younger days, I was working for the government while living in the Washington, D.C. area. I traveled quite a bit and on one occasion in Chicago, Ill., he was booked in a room just opposite mine. I always wondered if we might be related, so I, having never known a stranger, knocked on his door. He, after asking the spelling of my name, invited me in and after approximately forty-five minutes, had come to know the most wonderful individual and he of course introduced me to his wife Claudia. Upon departing, he said

'we must be at least cousins.' I didn't think so, but it was certainly an honor to meet such a fine gentleman, and would have been even a greater honor to have been his cousin.

"He invited my wife and I to visit him in his home in Shelbyville, Ky., if I was ever in the neighborhood. It was less than a year later (1980) that I retired and my wife and family moved to Prospect, Ky. about eight miles from Shelbyville. On December 16, a local Louisville television broadcast reported that Colonel Harland Sanders had just passed away. I was really looking forward to visiting him. Since then, we have eaten in Claudia Sanders restaurant in Shelbyville many times. Of course, I think of the Colonel each time we dine there. I felt privileged to have known him, even for such a short time." ■

## That Elusive Henry Sanders Went From N.C. to Ky. to Ill.

Jo Huddleston, 3532 Farmington Dr., Apt. K, Greensboro, NC 27407 5769, [Jo-and-Paul@worldnet.att.net]. I'm helping a cousin find a Sanders ancestor. This elusive character is Henry Sanders, born 15 Apr 1808 in N.C. He married Emily Rucker Wimberly (a widow) 16 Nov 1837 in Caldwell Co., Ky. Emily and Henry moved to Christian Co., Ill. between 1840 and 1854, along with their eight children (soon to be nine), her two children from her first marriage, and their families. Henry died in Taylorville, Ill. 16 Aug 1889. I do not know his parents, or where in N.C. he was born (although I have a hunch it might be Bertie Co.). ■

Mary Angeline Saunders (1861-1944) married 9 Jan 1884 in Omaha, Neb., to Russell Benjamin Harrison (1854-1936), son of Benjamin Harrison, 24th President of the United States. ■

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## 1933 Query Still Okay?

Someone found this query in the June 1933 issue of the *DAR Magazine*: 14334. SAUNDERS.—Wanted parentage of Abraham Saunders who marr Mary Detman. He d abt 1867 at the age of 83 years and is buried in Long Run Cemetery, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Wanted also names of chil. of Abraham Saunders (1748-1824) who served in the Rev. with Pa. lines, and is buried in Washington Co., Ohio. — A. N. C.

(Full names and addresses were not used in these early queries. Answers were published in later issues.) ■

In my contacts with used book dealers, I came across a copy of *Sanders Saga*, by Catherine Sanders McConnell, McClure Press, 1972. Rather than let it pass by, I grabbed it. But I am of New England stock, and these are descendants of James and Sarah Sanders of New Kent Co., Va. So if anyone would like the book, they can have it for \$80 postpaid. It's hardbound, illustrated, 400 pages, with an extensive, 66-page index. Jack Sanders, Box 502, Ridgefield CT 06877, [jacksanders@acorn-online.com]. ■

Does anyone have information about the town of Sanders, Tennessee, in Grundy County? It is just north of Tracy City. Sanders connection? ■

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