

# SANDERS Siftings

an exchange of Sanders/Saunders family research

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## Nathaniel Sanders Imprisoned for Preaching the Gospel Before Rev. War

Nathaniel Sanders, born circa 1735, was raised in the Church of England. At the age of twenty-eight (1762) he was baptized into the Baptist faith by Elder David Thomas in Broad Run, Virginia. Nathaniel eventually moved to Orange County and was instrumental, with his minister David Thomas, in founding Mountain Run. Not having a church to worship in, they held meeting from house to house.

They eventually built on the land of Uriel Mallory on Mountain River, Orange County, in 1767. Nathaniel became its minister and preached the gospel there until 1782 when it was dissolved and most of its members joined the church at Mount Poney.

As early as 1770, Nathaniel ran into opposition that attracted the attention of the authorities. He received a note from W. Bradley who was believed to be an officer of the law.

“To Mr. Nathaniel Sanders.

“Sir. I take this opportunity to acquaint you that I must oppose you for preaching at this place and should be sorely to doe it. But as some of the Court has told me you give your word and oner that you would not come hear any more when you Brought you license to Court. Before & was aquited on that & for some time you Behave Tell you forgot you word which \*\*\*Lies\*\*\* So you may depend after this day you or any other that coms to this place of Elsewhere in my Rech may Depend on my Taking them up & the jestus has promist that all that is brought Before them shall give Securet. I am you Hum, &c Sat.

W. Bradley

-ber 23, 1770”



Rev. Sanders replied emphatically denying that he made this promise and continued to preach. Not much is known about Mr. Bradley and the final outcome. But Nathaniel would encounter another more dangerous foe in the summer of 1772. A summons dated 22nd August 1772 was issued for Nathaniel to appear in Culpeper County Court. (The original document is on file in the Virginia Baptist Historical Society.)

“George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To the Sheriff of Orange County Greeting we command you that you summons Nathaniel Saunders to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Culpeper on the third Monday in October next then and there to answer the presentment of Grand Jury made agst him for unlawful Preaching and have then there this Writ Witness John Jameson of the sd County at the Courthouse of the sd County the 22nd. Day of August in the twelfth year of our reign.

John Jameson”

It has not been documented how this summons was handled but one year later the Nathaniel was arrested and sent to jail. A document executed on August 21, 1773 was signed by two Justices of the Peace for the apprehension of Nathaniel Saunders and William McClannahan. The original document is on file in the Virginia Baptist Historical Society's rooms.

“Culpr. Sct:

“Whereas we have received information that Nathaniel Saunders & William

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## More Sanders/Saunders Twins

On page 7 of the last issue (April 1998) I mentioned that I had seen, from different sources, three different sets of Sanders/Saunders twins named Aaron and Moses.

More evidence has come in from Lois Smith, 405 W. Main St., New London, IA 52645-1339, [KRSAMERICAN@worldnet.att.net]. In one line of Saunders, she has found three sets of twins—two of the sets named Moses and Aaron. The first set of Moses and Aaron twins was born 24 Nov 1759 to James Saunders and Sarah Gunnell. James and Sarah had another set of twins born 10 Mar 1748 and they were named Gunnell and James. This Gunnell (one of the twins) married Ellen Robinson and among their children was a set of twins named Aaron and Moses, born 20 Aug 1792 in Loudon Co., Va. There are other children and Lois Smith has other family information. Her husband is descended from the Gunnell Saunders and Ellen Robinson.

From the last issue we have this from Jeff Bonnett, 430 Lake Drive, Benton, KY 42025, [jbonnett@apex.net]. Moses Sanders (twin brother of Aaron), born 8 Feb 1813, d. 12 Mar 1878, buried in Sanders Chapel Cemetery, Winn Parish, La.; served in the CSA during Civil War; m. Prislea Sanford/Sandford.

Is this last set of twins named Aaron and Moses related to the earlier two sets? Who were the parents of the twins born in 1813?

Are there other Sanders or Saunders twins out there with these same names? Let's hear from some of you and keep this thing going! ■

Don Schaefer, editor

## Saunders Inn Featured In Pictorial History of Summerfield, N.C.

From Virginia Keyes. We were in Greensboro, N.C., in April on business and playing with our family tree. My husband's family is from Summerfield, Guilford Co., N.C. We bought this book *Summerfield N.C., A Pictorial History* by Gladys Scarlette. My husband's family is Bruce, from Summerfield, but I came across Sanders, too, and here is what I found:

p. 1: "On entering the Salisbury (Oak Ridge) Road from DeBoe Road, there is a very old two-story house on your right. It was a stagecoach inn, and was called Saunders Inn. It was a place to stop over or rest a while from long tiresome hours on the road, uncomfortable, likely too hot or too cold. After passing the bridge, the first house on the left was built around 1904; a big Victorian house built by H.C. Brittain, son of Mrs. Brittain who lived in Saunders Inn. As a child I found this house very interesting, especially above the second floor. Hezekiah Saunders owned the Inn."

p. 14: "Joel Saunders, who died March 7, 1814, willed to his son Hezekiah 'all that tract of land on the north side of Reedy Fork adjoining William Burch where he used to live, and the land he bought of William Ogburn.' The late Charles Willson, grandson of Hezekiah, is authority for the fact that Mr. Saunders began the present structure in 1815 and finished it seven years later, occupying in the meantime a double log house later used as a kitchen and slave quarters. A hand-made brick, dated 1815, which was recently removed from the fireplace, lends color to the statement. Port taught that year, 1822, in a log house back of what is known as the Rhoders house, later removing to Greensboro. He is known to fame as the grandfather of O. Henry. Had not Saunders Inn retained its fame, Guilford County's most noted son might have been born a Georgia Cracker! Young Boyden taught that same winter some miles away at King's Crossroads, later settling in Salisbury."

p. 27: "The Brick Schoolhouse, surrounded by an acre of ground, was situated on property owned by James A Allen, who in 1838 executed what he believed to be a deed, delivering the

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ground to Charles Case, Hezekiah Sanders, and Charles B. Harris, Commissioners. Legally, the memorandum was later found to be nothing more than a scrap of paper, for it named no consideration and contained no provision for naming successors to the so-called commissioners."

Let me know if any of this fits in your family. My Sanders are: Samuel Saunders (1690-1765); Samuel Saunders (1734-1807), married to Anna Gordon (1745-1826); Elizabeth Sanders (1769-1815), married to George E. Willett (1756-1811). Virginia Keyes, 105 Flint Rock Ct., Folsom, CA 95630, [JaVaKeyes@aol.com]. ■

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## Nathaniel Sanders Imprisoned

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McClannahan, stiling themselves Protestant Dissenters, does Teach & Preach Contrary to the Laws & usages of the Kingdom of Great Britain, raising Sedition & Stirring up Strife amongst his Majestie's Liege People.

"Therefore In his Majestie's Name we require you, Samuel Ferguson and John Lillard, to take Nathaniel Sanders and William McClannahan and their abettors and bring before some Justice of the Peace for the sd County to be examined Touching the Charge, & we do hereby Command all his Majestie's Subject to be Aiding & Assisting in the due Execution thereof.

"Given under our hands this 21st day of August, 1773

John Slaughter

George Wetheral.

"To the Sheriff Or any Constable of this County, or to Samuel Ferguson and John Lillard."

In September of that year Rev. Saunders was tried for the crime of "unlawful preaching." The records say he pleaded his own case. He was found guilty and bound in the sum of two hundred pounds. It has not been documented what date Nathaniel started his sentence, but in a letter from David Thomas written six days upon his being in prison, it would appear to have been September 20th 1773.

"To Nathaniel Saunders, A minister of Christ, now in prison in Culpeper for preaching the Gospel there,

by Mr. Eaton.

"Dear Brother,—I hear you are put in prison for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps you think it hard But O, what honor the Lord put upon you! I think you may be willing to suffer death now, seeing you are counted worthy to enter a dungeon for your Master's sake. Hold out, my dear brother! Remember your Master—your royal heavenly, divine Master—was nailed to a cursed tree for us. O, to suffer for Him is glory in the bud O, let it never be said that a Baptist minister of Virginia ever wronged his conscience to get liberty, not to please God, but himself! O, your imprisonment (which I am satisfied is not from any rash proceedings of your own) is not a punishment, but glory! 'If you suffer with Him you shall reign with him.'

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"Dear Brother, the bearer is waiting or I should have enlarged. This is only to let you know that I can pray for you with great freedom. Give my kind love to your fellow prisoner, though I know him not. I hope he is a dear child of God. Pray for me, for I need it. I remain dear brother,

Yours in our dear Lord Jesus,  
David Thomas.

Fauquier, September 26, 1773.

N.B. Let me hear from you the first opportunity."

It is believed that Wm. McClannahan was the fellow prisoner.

The original letter was sent to Mr. Wm. Sands, editor of the *Religious Herald*, by Mr. Francis J. Sanders, of Orange County, who was a grandson of Nathaniel Saunders. It was published October 30, 1856.

It has not been documented how long Rev. Saunders was imprisoned or how he obtained his release.

Nathaniel became the first preacher in Mt. Pony Church in 1788. He was the pastor there except for a short time of John Leland's ministry (1777-1779). When Leland left in 1779, Nathaniel once again became its pastor.

In 1805 he founded the Zoar Baptist Church.

Rev. Nathaniel Sanders died August 18th 1808 leaving his wife Elizabeth and eleven children. He was buried on his farm in Orange County, Virginia.

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## Lewis Sanders, Born in Va.; Founded the Grass Hills Estate in Carroll Co., Ky.

LEWIS SANDERS, entrepreneur and livestock breeder, was born Aug 9, 1781, the son of John and Jane (Craig) Sanders, in Spottsylvania Co., Va. He arrived in Kentucky as a baby with the Traveling Church congregation of the Rev. Lewis Craig, the child's uncle and namesake. In Kentucky John Sanders settled two farms in Fayette County. He apprenticed Lewis to the Lexington merchant Patrick McCullough. In time John Sanders deeded two hundred acres of land to each of his children except Lewis, who received the cash equivalent. He used the money to form a partnership to operate a cotton factory and to invest in real estate. The partners built houses in Lexington on Merino Street, which they had opened. In 1807 Sanders married Ann Nicholas, daughter of George Nicholas. Sanders bought five hundred acres of land on the Georgetown Pike in 1812 and began to construct an elaborate home, but in 1815 he sold the unfinished structure for lack of money. On July 11, 1817, he sold his household goods and moved to Carroll County. Regaining his fortune, he built the estate Grass Hills on a 750-acre tract near Ghent.

Sanders bred and raced horses and he imported and improved the shorthorn breed of cattle, which he showed at Sanders' Garden in 1816 and 1817. Sanders was also known for the peaches he grew. He was active in both state and national politics, taking part in the nomination of James K. Polk for the presidency and in the annexation of Texas. In his later years he strongly advocated adding new states in the West as a means of strengthening the Union. Sanders died at Grass Hills on April 15, 1861, perhaps the last survivor of the Traveling Church congregation's move to Kentucky. See Ann Virginia Parker, *The Sanders Family of Grass Hills* (Madison, Ind., 1966). ■

The article concerning the use of church minutes on page 7 of the April 1998 issue had an incorrect city listed for Bobbie Payne. Should have been Grand Saline, TX rather than Grand Prairie. Correct address is Bobbie E. Payne, 801 W. High St., Grand Saline, TX 75140-1007. ■

## 22 Generations—Sir Leonard de Sandersted to N.Y.

John W. Konvalinka, 24 Gordon Way, Princeton, NJ 08540-3957, [wk00326@worldlink.com] has this interesting information on his web page at <<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/jkonvalinka>>.

My mother, Loretto E. Sanders Konvalinka (1896-1987), was a descendant of the Sanders family which migrated from West Wales and settled in Virginia in the 17th century. Because of the outstanding research done by another Sanders descendant, it's possible to trace the lineage of this branch of the Sanders family all the way back from West Wales to a Leonard Sanders who lived in the 12-13th century at Sanderstead, the Sanders family seat near London.

We made the connection to the West Wales branch of the family through a piece of good fortune. We've had a rendering of a Sanders Coat of Arms in our family for generations. It depicts the three bulls' heads (vs. the three elephants found on the Coat of Arms of a different branch of the Sanders family) and the motto "Invidere Sperno." In researching various Sanders coats of arms in Fairbairn's Armorial volumes in the British Library, the only time the "Invidere Sperno" motto appeared was in connection with the West Wales branch of the family.

On a trip to West Wales, we had the good fortune to make the acquaintance of a Sanders descendant who showed us "Pentre," the family homestead which was undergoing significant renovations under the direction of a new owner, and told us many stories of the Sanders family. He mentioned in an offhanded way that another U.S. Sanders descendant—from New York—had made some inquiries about the family. After some digging, he was able to produce the name—and this turned out to be this gifted Sanders researcher, who not only knew our Virginia ancestors, but confirmed the linkage back to the West Wales branch of the family—and further back—all the way to 12th century London.

The lineage of the 22 generations from Sir Leonard de Sandersted to my mother are believed to be as follows:

- 1 Sir Leonard de Sandersted b: abt. 1175
- 2 Richard deSandersted b: abt. 1200
- 3 Ralph Saundre b: abt. 1230 in Charlwood

- ...+Daughter of Salaman b: abt. 1230
- 4 Richard Saundre b: abt. 1260 in Charlwood
- ...+First name? Collenden b: abt. 1260
- 5 James Saundre b: abt. 1290
- 6 Matthew Saundre b: abt. 1320 in Charlwood
- 7 Steven Saundre b: abt. 1350 in Charlwood
- 8 Thomas Saundre b: 1378 in Charlwood
- ...+Joan "Joanna?" Pollard? b: abt. 1380
- 9 William Saunders b: abt. 1415 in Charlwood, Surrey d: Aug. 10, 1481
- ...+Joan Carew b: abt. 1415 d: 1470
- 10 Henry "Wales Ancestor" Saunders b: 1455 in Ewell, Surrey d: 1518
- ....+Joan "or Margaret" Lepton b: abt. 1455 d: 1519
- 11 William Saunders b: abt. 1500 d: 1571
- ....+Joan Ma/e/rston b: abt. 1500 d: Oct. 28, 1539
- 12 Erasmus "Learned in the Law" Saunders b: abt. 1540 d: 1603
- ....+Jenet "Tender years" Barrett b: abt. 1545 d: 1628
- 13 Philip Saunders b: abt. 1577 in Wales d: 1636 in Wales
- ....+Alice Edwards b: abt. 1580 in Tenby, Wales
- 14 Thomas "Theory 2?" Saunders b: abt. 1610
- 15 Capt Nathaniel Saunders b: abt. 1635 d: abt. 1695
- ....+Mary Stratton b: abt. 1645 d: abt. 1700
- 16 Nathaniel Saunders b: 1681 in UK-Wales? d: 1731 in King and Queen Co., Va.
- ....+First name? Watkins b: abt. 1680 in Essex County Va. (??) Link to Watkins Fam History Society
- 17 John Wignall "Wynell?" Sanders b: abt. 1706 in King and Queen Co., Va.
- ....+Frances V???? b: abt. 1710
- 18 Robert Sanders b: abt. 1740 in Va.(?) d: Sept 1790 in New Baltimore, Va.
- ....+Ann Nash b: abt. 1740 d: 1812
- 19 Britton Sanders b: Jun. 26, 1773 in Fauquier Co., Va. d: May 19, 1843 in Va.
- ....+Mary Love Gill b: Aug. 20, 1774 d: Nov. 2, 1817 in Fauquier Co., Va.
- 20 Beverley Chunne Sanders b: May 14, 1807 in Prince Wm Co., Va. d: Dec.25, 1883 in Newark, N.J.
- ....+Elizabeth Eleanor Hillen b: Oct. 22, 1813 in Baltimore, Md. d: Aug. 17, 1886 in Newark, N.J.
- 21 Beverley Constantine Sanders b: Jul. 28, 1854 in Baltimore, Md. d: Mar. 13, 1934 in White Plains, N.Y.
- ....+Loretto Elizabeth Conway b: Jan. 15, 1868 in N.Y. d: Mar. 18, 1923 in N.Y.
- 22 Loretto Elizabeth Sanders b: Jan. 2, 1896 in New York, N.Y. d: Nov. 12, 1987 in Virginia Beach, Va.

We are still exploring the relationship between the Sanders and Tucker families. We believe there is a Sanders connection with a Professor at William and Mary College in the 1840s, Professor Nathaniel Beverly Tucker. There also seem to be some connection with the Tucker family of Bermuda. A page of Tucker family history can be found at: <<http://home.texoma.net/~mmcmullen/tu/tucker.htm>>. ■

### Lewis/Louis Sanders, Pennsylvania to Illinois

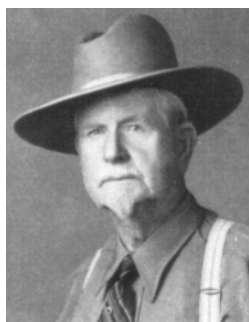
From Alice Bohnsack, 20 Northridge Drive West, Mohnton, PA 19540-1240, [AJBohnsack@aol.com]. Lewis/Louis E. Sanders (b. 22 Mar 1853, d. 3 Jul 1916) son of Sarah Malcom and John Sanders, m. C/Katherine Morrison (b. 2 Jul 1857/8 Philadelphia Pa., d. 26 Apr 1918 Sandoval, Ill.) dau of Barbara Tweed? and John Morrison. Issue: 1. Tommy Sanders (b/d 1876); 2. Cora Sanders, (b/d 1877); 3. John Wesley Sanders (b. 26 Oct 1880, d. 5 Dec 1899 killed by falling tree); 4. Mable Frances Sanders (b. 9 Apr 1884 Ill., d. 22 Dec 1944) m.Erasmus Wright; 5. Minnie Alice Sanders {my grandmother} (b. 9 Mar 1888 Marion Co., Ill., d. 13 Oct 1971 Clinton, Ill.) m.1908 Harvey Edwards; 6. Walter Bervil Sanders (b. 11 Mar 1890 Salem, Ill.) m.1912 Era Fred Utterback; 7. Lewis Theopholis Sanders (b. 25 Dec 1893 Salem, Ill., d. 12 Apr 1935 Rutland, Ill.) m. Stella Bates; 8. Mary Erma Sanders (b. 10 Sep 1896, d. 11 Jun 1930); 9. Warren Perry Sanders (b. 15 Jun 1900 Marion Co., Ill., d. 1985 LaSalle Co., Ill.) m. Gladys Bates. I am interested in anyone knowing any of these lines and earlier ancestors of Lewis E. Sanders. ■

From Jodie Hollifield, 1608 S. Maple, Bartlesville, OK 74003, [Jodie4@juno.com]. John Richard Sanders (my son's grandfather), b. 13 Oct 1929 in Thayer, Mo. to parents John David Sanders and Jessie Roberts. He m. Hazel Joyce Maness in Miami, Okla. They divorced—unsure of date when/where. He and Hazel had two sons: John David Sanders and Robert Lee "PeeWee" Sanders (this is my son's father). I have a lot of info on the Maness side, but this about it for Sanders side. Any help appreciated. ■

## Saunders Museum in Berryville, Arkansas Has Excellent Collection of Guns, Other Treasures

For those of you with an interest in the Sanders or Saunders—if you are in the vicinity of Branson, Mo. or Eureka Springs, Ark., you should visit the Saunders Museum in Berryville, Ark.

In 1867, a young boy named C. Burton Saunders moved with his family from Texas to Berryville, Ark. As the young Saunders grew, he earned the nickname “Buck,” for his deer hunting prowess. As a young man, “Buck” was instrumental in the founding of the resort town of Eureka Springs, 12 miles to the west of Berryville. Eventually, he moved to California to seek his fortune.



C. Burton Saunders

Accomplishing this allowed him to follow two of his passions . . . traveling and collecting unique artifacts and antiques from around the world.

Mr. Saunders especially loved to collect

firearms. Over the years, he acquired a fine collection, only to see it destroyed in a fire on April 18, 1906 . . . the day of the great San Francisco earthquake.

Saunders began rebuilding his collection and soon he had assembled an outstanding collection of some of the most unique and rare firearms to be found.

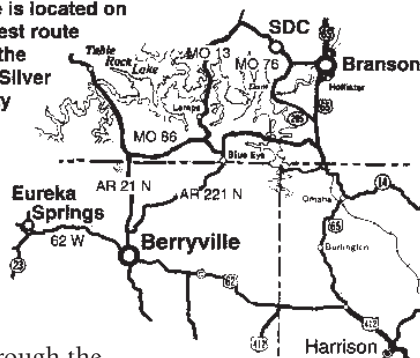
In 1919, at the age of 52, Mr. Saunders returned to the town he loved and considered his home, Berryville.

The Saunders Museum is the result of a gift to the city of Berryville. It contains all the treasures he collected over a lifetime of travel and adventure, gathered from across America and around the world. He also gave the city his home, which is now used as the Berryville City Hall, and the money to construct the present museum building.

Through the generosity of Mr. Saunders, visitors to the museum may take a look at history through the eyes of a true world traveler and turn-of-the-century adventurer.

Mr. Saunders not only loved collecting exotic firearms, but he was also an expert marksman. His ability to peg coins thrown in the air, with clean holes

Berryville is located on the shortest route between the Branson/Silver Dollar City area and Eureka Springs.



through the middle, is the stuff of local legends.

Young Saunders would often astound visitors to Berryville with his shooting prowess. Many a traveling merchant lost a few coins, betting that the young boy before them couldn't make a seemingly impossible shot.

In Paris, in 1910, Mr. Saunders won the prestigious Renette prize, the world championship for pistol shooting. At the age of 75, he won the Southwestern Missouri pistol shooting championship. At 80, using his favorite .22 pistol, he could still hit pennies and other objects thrown into the air.

Some of what can be seen at Saunders's Museum:

- Guns used by the famous and infamous . . . like Jesse and Frank James, Belle Starr, Cole Younger, Cherokee Bill and Billy the Kid, Wild Bill Hickok and Buffalo Bill Cody.
- Sitting Bull's war bonnet and an Arab sheik's tent.
- Persian rugs and teakwood furniture. ■

### Need Connections To Phillip Sanders, Born bef 1775

Solveig Berry, 1 Hampton Place, Rogers, AR 72758, [SolveigMB@aol.com] is looking for connections to Phillip Sanders (b. bef 1775). Children by unknown first wife were John, Robert (1797-1855), Sarah, and Elizabeth. Children by second wife Elizabeth Bean were Thomas Bean, Hiram (1809), Mary Ann, Lydia, Hale, and Angie. Phillip was in Rutherford Co., Tenn. by 1806. He may have had brothers James and Samuel and sister Rebecca since these four are shown in Rutherford Co. court records in July 1806 as selling 300 acres in Kent Co., Delaware. ■

### Lee Bartos Wants Info On John B. Sanders

Lee Sanders Bartos, 1911 Inglewood St., Henderson, TX 75654-1507, [lee.bartos@artibbs.com] is searching for information on John B. Sanders, born ca 1810 in S.C. By 1833 he is in Hall Co., Ga. where he marries Zilphy Dowis on the 28th of May. On the 1840 census I find John B. and his family in Forsythe Co., Ga. in the household of Isaac Sanders. Nothing to indicate relationship—but their must be some.

By 1850 he is in Shelby Co., Ala. with a new wife—after having eight children Zilphy died, but am not sure of date or place. He and Mary A. Daniel Sanders have nine children and these children spell the name Saunders—the first eight spell their name Sanders. In 1853 the four oldest children left home and came to Texas, saying they hated their stepmother and always called her the Irish woman. The children were: William J., Isaac Mitchell, Martha C., and Mary J. They traveled to Texas with several uncles: James Sanders (a widower) with one daughter, who went to Tioga, Grayson Co., Texas; George Washington, an “old” man with a large family, who went to Kaufman Co., Texas; Green B. Dowis and his wife Mary Lee Sanders, double aunt and uncle of the siblings who went to Cherokee Co., Texas; and Tyre G. Dowis who went to Smith Co., Texas. The young people divided up, Isaac and Mary J. went to Cherokee Co. and William J. and Martha C. went to Smith Co. I need information on the parents of John B. Sanders, and places of birth and marriage and death. I have also been unable to locate any information of James and George Washington Sanders who came to Texas, but are not where they should be on the 1860 census of Texas. I have a lot of Sanders information that I will be glad to share. ■

Donna Adams, 5525 Booker Street, Milton, Florida, 32570 is searching for information about her great-great-grandfather, Jesse Sanders, who was born in Georgia about 1830. She thinks his father was John Sanders. Jesse's wife was Catherine George whose father was William George. In 1860 they were living in Santa Rosa Co., Florida with three children. Jesse died in the Civil War on Aug. 8, 1862. ■

## ASSORTED QUERIES . . .

From Gayle Miller, 1130 NW 103rd Ave., Plantation, FL 33322-6587, [johnmill@icanect.net]. I am looking for documentation that would connect Stephen Saunders from Great Rockhouse Creek, Rockingham Co., N.C. who bought land on July 16, 1792 from Mary Stratton, to Stephen Sanders on the 1820 Census of Wilson Co., Tenn. I believe that Stephen Saunders' father was James Saunders. The spelling of Saunders was changed to Sanders in Tenn., but both spellings continued to be used by this family in to the early 1900s. I feel sure that Stephen migrated from N.C. to Wilson Co., Tenn. I do not have a name for the spouse of Stephen, but he is on the 1820 census with a large family. Stephen's son Julius Sanders, also on the 1820 census, married 1st - Penelope Fields - and there were six children from this marriage. After Penelope died, Julius moved to Haywood Co., Tenn., then migrated to Kentucky where he married Lucinda (?) moving again to Sevier Co., Ark. and finally, to Uvalde, Texas. There were five children from this marriage to Lucinda. I am looking for any information on Julius' life in Haywood Co., Tenn from 1825 to 1835.

Mary Ferguson Loher, 4 Oak Lane., Bedford, TX 76021-7115, [mloher@gte.net] is seeking ancestry of William Sanders, Sr. (b. abt 1775 Spartanburg, S.C.?, d. abt 1864 in Old Austin, Pulaski Co., Ark.). Children: 1. Joel (b. 1801 in S.C., m. Maria Covey on 26 Aug 1836 in Ark.); 2. William Jr. (b. 3 Oct 1804 in S.C., m. Louvenia ? abt 1802, d. 1 Jan 1883); 3. Jack (b. 1806); 4. Anna (b. 1808 in Spartanburg, S.C. ??, m. Isiah Dunaway abt 1828, d. abt 1853 Old Austin, Lonoke Co., Ark.); 5. Sarah "Sally" (b. abt 1810 in Spartanburg, S.C.?, m. Moses Ferguson, b. abt 1830); and 6. Wilson (b. 1814). Sarah Sanders and Moses Ferguson are my direct line. Any help to find my William Sanders would be greatly appreciated.

Robert Legg, 1707 Upper Rock Creek Road, Rock Creek, WV 25174, [rlegg@cwv.net] has just started his Sanders research. On his mother's side, his ggggrandmother was Nancy Sanders who married James C. Hardwick in 1846 in Kanawha Co., W.V. Who were her parents?

From Frank Sanders, 8917 Clayton Lane, Lakeland, FL 33801-6500, [Fszzzz@aol.com]. Have you ever heard of a George Alvin "Ged" Sanders (b. 1893, Ga. or Ala., d. 1955 in Waycross, Ga.)—worked for the A.C.S. Railroad for 40 years as a telegraph operator? He lived in Leesburg and Hawthorne, Fla. for some time.

Sharon Peot, W 5410 French Road, Johnson Creek, WI, 53038-9744, [speot@intaccess.com]. Does anyone know of the parents of Leonard Sanders? He was born May 20, 1802 and he married Charlotte Jones. There were Sanders living in the Town of Bethel, Windsor Co., Vermont in the 1700s and 1800s. Leonard and Charlotte were in Pittsford, Rutland Co., Vermont. They had the following children: Harriet (b. 1832), John (b. 1834), George (b. 1836), Michael (b. 1838), Lucy (b. 1841), Charlotte (b. 1842), and Ransom (b. 1845). In 1848 they moved to Watertown, Jefferson Co., Wisc. On Oct. 2, 1848 Leonard died. I haven't been able to find a death certificate so I don't know if he died from an illness or possibly a farm accident. He is buried in a small cemetery on Emerald Drive in the town of Watertown. Do you have information on any of this family?

Patsy J. Foster, 15731 Butterfield St., Westminster, CA. 92683, [j.foster@juno.com]. My 3rd great-grandfather, Elisha Sanders, was born ca 1795 in North Carolina. Elisha died in Hempstead Co., Ark. 4 Aug 1875. He was married 25 Mar 1818 to Zilla Ann (Zilly) Dickerson in Rutherford Co., Tenn. Elisha and Zilla had nine children. The children were: Susannah born 1819, married William Castelman; William (Drew) born 1820; Martha M. born 1821, married to James Merritt; Mary born 1825, married to Jiles Villers; Eli W. born 1831; Harriet E. born 1833, married to Nicholas Leek; Sarah born 1837, married 1st to Jim Tollett and 2nd to Mr Dyer; Hampton born 1839; and John born 1845. My question—was Elisha Sanders born ca 1795 in N.C. the son of Elisha Sanders, Sr. who was on the tax lists in Johnston Co., N.C. from 1799-1803? Elisha Sanders, Sr. was in Wilson Co., Tenn. by 1804 and in Rutherford Co., Tenn. in 1810-1840.

Mrs. David Nice, 2136 North Fort, Springfield, MO 65803 needs information on Joseph Sanders who died at age 98 on 24 Jan 1899 and his wife, Rebecca Watson (b. 28 Jan 1826). They lived in Watauga Co., N.C.

Emma Jean Sanders Beard, 1767 Cristo Loop, Lillian, AL 36549-5243, [jaybrd@gulftel.com] is searching for ancestors or connections to her line that starts with:

1. Samuel Sanders of Carteret Co., N.C.
2. Phillip Sanders m. Susanna Hill 30 Mar 1794. 2nd wife was Elizabeth Bean, m. in N.C. and then came to Tenn.
3. Robert Sanders, b. 14 Dec 1794 (1791?), lived at Halls Hill on Stones River in Tenn., m. Lucinda Floyd.
4. Drury Josiah Sanders, b. 26 Aug 1827, d. 20 Jan /1919, m. Frances Jane Stockard, b. 1843, d. 26 Mar 1920.
5. William Josiah Sanders, b. 1 Dec 1863, d. 21 Jun 1953, m. Fannie Adams 25 Dec 1890 - both from Rutherford Co., Tenn.
6. James Brockman Sanders, b. 16 Jan 1898, d. 23 Mar 1993, m. #1 Jennie Vanetta Campbell, b.1897 in Bedford Co. Tenn. (my parents).

Jerry Sanders Harris, 134 Clinton Court, Cary, NC 27611, NDMK83A@prodigy.com]. My (great-great-grandfather is Ervin Sanders (1814-1897, S.C.) married to Lucinda Barnett (abt 1815-1857, S.C.). I have found Lucinda's parents, etc. I am trying to locate Ervin's father. A Soloman Sanders lived next door to Lucinda's father in 1820 in Spartanburg District. The Barnetts moved to Greenville District by the 1830 census and Soloman Sanders still lived in the Spartanburg District in the 1830 Census. He is not listed in any other S.C. census. Ervin's father was born in Virginia per Ervin's 1880 census. Do you have any information and/or suggestions for me?

From Wanda Stanfill, 1812 4th Street, Woodward, OK 73801-4812. Ann Sanders married Thomas Elmore 2 Jul 1767 according to New Garden MM Records (Quaker). Was Ann a sister of Joel Sanders who married Mary Elmore 30 Dec 1768? Also, was the Mary Elmore who married Israel Nordyke 1789-90 a daughter of Thomas Elmore and Ann Sanders?

From Frank A. Davis, 15606 Seattle, Houston, TX 77040, [FrankD@aol.com]. My father (James Arthur Davis) was born in Fouke, Ark. on 18 Oct 1912. His mother's name was Alice Missouri Sanders and his father's name was Arthur Myrll Davis. I found them in the 1910 census when they were both 18 years of age. I also have a book called *Fouke, Arkansas in Word and Picture* (Vol. 1 1891-1941). In this book I found a picture of a woman named Lorie Ann Riley married to a man name Charles William Sanders. These are the names of my great-grand father & mother according to my father. This woman had six or seven children: William Lee, Herbert, Sylvester, Alice Missouri (my grandmother), Jodie May, Rosie, and Eva. The eldest son William Lee Sanders married a woman named Eve Crabtree. All of these people were in Miller Co., Ark. around the early 1900s. Any help will be appreciated.

Shirley McNeeley, 323 East 4 Street, Fremont, NE 68025-5017, [GeniBug@aol.com] is researching James Saunders (b. between 1719 and 1721 in Scotland or England, d. 17 Apr 1778 Loudoun Co., Va.); his father was Henry Saunders. He married Sarah Gunnell 1736/37 in Eng. Children were: Mary (b. 1 Jan 1739); William (b. 1 Mar 1741); John S. (b. 1 Feb 1746); James (b. 10 Mar 1748); Gunnell (b. 10 Mar 1748); Barbara (b. 20 Feb 1750); Presley (b. 3 Dec 1752); Aron (b. 24 Nov 1757); Henry (b. 21 Feb 1755); Moses (b. 24 Nov 1757); Cyrus (b. 22 Dec 1760).

Ilene Jones, 9319 Admiral Lowell Pl., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111-1263, [iljones@abq.com]. My ancestor is John Sanders who married Nancy Triplett. We have proof that John's father was Robert Sanders who married Ann Elmore. Depositions in a Moravian Court case in Wilkes Co., N.C. name Ann Elmore as a wife of Robert Sanders. I would like to know the father of Robert who was supposedly born in Virginia—possibly Goochland Co. I am interested in any information about this line of Sanders back from this Robert. Does anyone have any proof that Robert died of the measles during the Revolutionary War at Hanging Rock, N.C. as stated in Hortense Abbott's book? I have verified that he had died by 1784 when his wife Ann was named administrator of his estate.

Katy Singletary, 104 Sandy Lane, Nocona TX 76255, [KSingle413@aol.com] is trying to locate parents of James Sanders, a cowboy on the Waggoner Estate, near Vernon, Texas in 1880...20 yrs old. He had split with his family, so don't have many details. They were ranchers in Texas, perhaps not too far from Dallas. This is my ggrandfather.

Karl Voiles, American Embassy, U.S. Dept. of State, Washington, DC 20521-2190, [karl@starcom.co.ug]. Visitor from another planet? Apparently, my great grandfather arrived from Pluto in the mid-1800s, since I can't find any information beyond then. I am searching for any information on Thomas C. Saunders (and ancestors) who was supposedly born in Clarksville, Greene Co. Pa. He lived for a time in Coudersport, Pa., Smethport, Pa., and Westfield, Pa., where my grandfather William Saunders was born. Thomas was married to Harriet Amelia Colegrove in 1864. William married Elona Carner. That's all I have. Any assistance appreciated.

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WARNING: Genealogy Pox is very contagious to adults.

SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind except feverishly looking through records at the library and courthouse. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at the mailman when he does not leave mail. Frequents strange places, such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate cemetery areas. Makes secret night calls, hides telephone bills from spouse. The patient mumbles to himself and has a strange faraway look in his eyes.

NO KNOWN CURE:

TREATMENT: Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal but grows progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she works alone.

REMARKS: The unusual nature of this disease is the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it.

(Copied from *Darke Co., Ohio, genealogical mailing list.*)

### **Have Any Of You Seen A 'Disappearing' James Marion Sanders?**

Pat Herron, 155 South Fairbanks Ave., Sanger, CA 93657-9403, [pthrn@telis.org] says there is still a line that she cannot find that kind of appears and disappears. His name was James Marion Sanders and he married Nancy Jane Duncan on 1 Sep 1874 in Erath or Collin Co., Texas. Literally, he left a wife with two children and one more shortly and just disappeared for several years. When he came back he apparently was convinced by her second husband to disappear again. He disappeared from the Texas/New Mexico area in about 1880 and then reappeared several years later. We have no other information about where he was born or where he lived and died. I would imagine that he probably married again and somewhere there is another family. He apparently was a horse trader by profession and must have moved around alot. Any assistance would be appreciated. (Nancy was born in 1857 so I imagine he was born slightly prior to that). ■

Lee Sanders Bartos, 1911 Inglewood St., Henderson, TX 75654-1507, [lee.bartos@artibbs.com] is searching for parents of Merry Arthur Sanders/Saunders, born ca 1782, place unknown. In ca 1899 he married Elizabeth Hunter (dau. of Samuel Hunter and Elizabeth Moffett) in Lincoln Co., Ga. He died at age 39 years in Jasper Co., Ga. ca 1821. Merry Arthur and Elizabeth had the following children: Henry b. 1803, James b. 1805, Sarah Hunter b. 1806, Billington M., Seaborn James, Susan Lucinda, Elizabeth, and Mary Margaret. Merry Arthur Sanders/Saunders had one known brother, John who was born ca 1783 in N.C. on Mar 16, 1807. He married Eleanor Hunter, dau of Samuel and Elizabeth Hunter and sister of Elizabeth Hunter. John Sanders/Saunders died 23 Apr 1855 in Bibb Co., Ga. John and Eleanor had the following children: George Washington b. 1808, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Susanna Elizabeth. I have much Moffett information, but almost nothing on Merry Arthur, who is my 3rd great-grandfather (if I didn't miscount!). ■

## About This Issue

All queries received from subscribers to date have been included. Let me know if yours was missed. Queries from subscribers take precedence over queries from non-subscribers. Be sure to include enough material in queries so that someone can properly identify the people to whom they may possibly connect.

Thanks for the good stories. I had several medium to long stories left over. Keep sending in those stories and other products of your research, but I need a few shorter ones. Also, more good pictures are needed.

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-Online, or whatever—you can recognize the part of the address that can be used just for your service

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Debra Matton, 990 S.W. Garden Blvd., Palm City, FL 34990. [DMatton218@aol.com] is seeking information on Merritt Sanders (b. Jan 30, 1869, d. May 20, 1928) married to Mary Dyer (b. Jan 11, 1877, d. Mar 13, 1919). They had six children. The oldest, Zephel Edna Sanders, was born in Thebes, Ill., Mar 21, 1903. The children's names are Zephel, Merritt, LeRoy, Vernon, Viola, and Nell Sanders. ■

## William Sanders Married Sarah Ragan

Lee Hoover, P.O. Box 125, Centerville, TN 37033, [hooverdo@juno.com] asks if anyone is researching William Sanders, who married Sarah Ragan in S.C. William d. 1811 ...will proven 1812 in Pendleton Dist., S.C. He obtained a passport to pass through Indian Territory with nine of his children and finally settled on Tumbling Creek, Dickson Co., Tenn. (It was later in Hickman, then Humphreys as new counties were formed.) Whether he d. in Tenn. or S.C. in unknown. He had married children in N.C. and S.C. when he came to Tenn. Children listed, not in order of birth: Sarah m. William Tubbs, d. Perry Co., Ala.; Millie b. 1787, m. Andrew Wilson, d. Pickens Co., S.C.; Wiley b.1789, m. Sarah (Cooley?), d. Humphreys Co., Tenn.; Sion b. 1791, m. Mary "Polly" Tubbs, d. Miss.; Vincent

"Vinson" m. Winifred Cooley, d. Franklin Co., N.C.; William m. Elizabeth "Betsy" Tubbs, d. Perry Co., Ala.; John m. Susan Larkins, d. Dickson Co.. Tenn.; Elizabeth "Liddy" m. William Smith, d. Dickson Co., Tenn.; Rebecca m. Nathaniel Nunnery, d. Benton Co., Tenn.; Nancy m. Jeremiah Smith, d. Humphreys Co., Tenn.?. Margaret m. Kinchen Perry, d. Humphreys Co., Tenn.; and Matilda m. Daniel Tubbs.

Willi ... mentioned in will as underage at the time of William's death and a guardian, John Crag (Craig), was appointed for him. John Craig was in Tenn., so apparently was Willi but can get no lead on him. Have no date or place of death for Sarah Ragan. Did Willi go by a middle name as there was a brother Wiley and a brother William.? Need help identifying and locating Willi. ■

## Found On The Medal Of Honor Web Site

SAUNDERS, JAMES - Rank and organization: Quartermaster, U.S. Navy. Born: 1809, Massachusetts. Accredited to: Massachusetts. G.O. No.: 59, 22 June 1865.

Citation: Served as quartermaster on board the U.S.S. Kearsarge when she destroyed the Alabama off Cherbourg, France, 19 June 1864. Carrying out his duties courageously throughout the bitter engagement, Saunders was prompt in reporting damages done to both ships, and it is testified to by Commodore Winslow that he is deserving of all commendation, both for gallantry and for encouragement of others in his division. ■

If you need a telephone number of a Sanders researcher, call me at (501) 521-1229. I have many of the phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the 200 plus Sanders Siftings subscribers and about 500 others. - Don Schaefer, editor ■

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## Grandma Sanders Cookies

From Donald Sanders, [djsanders1041@hotmail.com]. As a gift to all my cousins, I share this secret family cookie recipe with you.

GRANDMA EDITH SANDERS'S (1897-1984) OATMEAL COOKIE RECIPE. Grandma Sanders lived in a log cabin, built in 1882, five miles east of Sanders, Carroll Co., Kentucky. Her husband Jesse (1893-1952) farmed the 160-acre family farm on Eagle Creek, and practically everything provided on the dining table was grown in the rich Kentucky soil.

- 2 cups butter
- 4 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 5 cups blended oatmeal (measure oatmeal and blend in blender to a fine powder)
- 24 oz. chocolate chips
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 8 oz. Hershey bar (grated)
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 3 cups chopped nuts (your choice)
- 2 tsp. vanilla

Cream the butter and both sugars. Add eggs and vanilla; mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder, and soda. Add chocolate chips, Hershey bar and nuts. Roll into balls and place two inches apart on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees.

Makes 112 cookies. ■



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